



"In a hermetically sealed environment, the gospel becomes lifeless"

- A. Grant

Bullet Points

In our last newsletter we explored, with you, the bullet points of our lives. These are the important things that we cling to. Below we have four spaces and we'd like to explore actions or behaviors that manifest themselves out

of our four bullet points. In other words, how do you engage with others or take action because of your bullet points. If you haven't come up with bullet points yet, it's never too late.

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The Vessel

- Gdg – Gordon Griffin

*Alone for six decades or more
 Surrounded by those who love me
 But cannot see the turmoil inside
 The well-meaning who, in the
 name of God
 Would have me healed in an instant.*

*Pouring my soul out to God
 Are You there?
 Do You really love me?
 Successful and honored
 Admired and blessed
 Husband and father – Grandfather
 Zuiver full*

*Heart heavy – who am I?
 To whom will I reveal my secrets?
 You, Oh God have known me
 Always
 But is there one who hears me
 Here?*

*We are too busy to hear
 The others' cluster for affirmation
 I am old – done – full and empty
 Alone
 Who has time for us?*

What happened here?

- D. Hartig

"Nobody said it was easy, it's such a shame for us to part. Nobody said it was easy, no one ever said it would be this hard."

- Coldplay



"When you love you walk on water. Just don't want to stumble on the waves. We all want to go there something awful, but to stand there it takes some grace."

- R. Mullins & Beaker

Exhausting...

Hide. Hope. Fear.

"How will they respond?"

"Will I get to see my nieces and nephews ever again?"

"Will they kick me out?"

"Will I get to see my family?"

"Will I get fired?"

"Will they understand?"

"Will they even try to understand?"

Honesty. Honesty with God. Honesty with self. Honesty with others.

And I ask: Why does honesty often result in so much hurt?

I've been talking with some friends as they go through the process of preparing to come out to their families. After coming to a place of honesty with God and with self, they so very much want that honesty with their loved ones. But there are so

many questions, so many unknowns. So many conversations. So difficult. So painful.

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Why does honesty often result in so much hurt?

For their families, expectations - and the sense that the world just *is* a certain way - suddenly get disrupted by something that says it isn't so. Face to face with a loved one who says it isn't so. Wanting to say it isn't so. So difficult. So painful. So many questions.

And again I ask: Does it really have to be this way?

What if it were different?

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