

HOTSEAT SUNDAY



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Truth is tough. It will not break like a bubble at a touch; nay, you may kick it about all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening.

~ *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

People should be able to look at the church and see what it's like to live under the reign of God. The People of our day need more than tight, logical arguments and proof. They need to see a demonstration of the kingdom lived out before them so that they might see, experience, and enter it.

~ *Glenn Marshall*

The Church is not a religious community of worshippers of Christ but is *Christ Himself* who has taken form among men.

~ *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that should *ever* displace the command to love as the first and foremost concern of the disciple of Jesus – no doctrine, no ethical principle, no personal agenda, *and no exceptions*.

~ *Gregory A. Boyd*

The greatest danger to Christianity is, I contend, not heresies, but the kind of orthodoxy which is cordial drivel, mediocrity served up sweet. The very essence of Christianity is utterly opposed to this mediocrity.

~ *Soren Kierkegaard*

In the past, pastors were valued for their ability to bring and keep order rather than for their ability to bring and lead change. The reality was that pastors were being equipped to preserve the past rather than to create the future. We became known for being traditional rather than transformational. The ritual replaced the radical.

~ *Glenn Marshall*

We need to stop trying to preserve the "old ways" and get back to the much older ways.

~ *Wes Roberts*

I am learning that the best cure for hypocrisy is community. Hypocrisy is not so much the result of not living what I preach but much more of not confessing my inability to fully live up to my own words.

~ *Henri Nouwen*

Behind every question lies a better question, and ultimately every question takes the shape of a human face. Every problem in other words, has a relational root. *The only real problem in the world is alienation, and the only cure is love.* Questions are answered and problems are solved only as we come into right relationship with people. ... The answer to each problem is a person.

~ *Mike Mason*

It is not enough to have the courage of your convictions, you must also have the courage to have your convictions challenged.

~ *Nietzsche*

Test everything.

~ *The Apostle Paul (1 Thessalonians 5:21)*

