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September 8, 2019

Reflections

We wanted to investigate the inability to connect with others, and the self-protection mechanisms one builds up that keep us from really being open...The fact is, we all carry pain, grief...We spend most of our time hiding it, but it's there, it's in you. So you open up those boxes.

- Brad Pitt on his new film Ad Astra

My soul was a burden, bruised and bleeding. I was tired of the man who carried it.

- St. Augustine

In the book, I talk about the fact that three basic motivations, I believe, drive so much of our behavior: the wishes for love, safety, and belonging. When we are in a conflictual situation, say at work...if we can look at the belief systems that are existing, if we can inquire and say, "What need might I be trying to meet by my wish to — my continual wish to get more and more sales? Is it love, safety, belonging, or all of the above?" for example — that's one way of understanding the intention behind our actions. But then the magic really begins when we start to look at our colleagues, and instead of seeing them as some source of irrationality, seeing them as just a problem that needs to be fixed and made to go away, but we see them as yet another human being with a broken heart, who's simply trying to feel love, safety, and belonging. When we can start to see our colleagues that way, all of a sudden the things that actually impede our productivity...become not obstacles, but the means to connect and actually build something even greater than what we had before...It's hard to use this process to grow up. It's hard to fully actualize. It's hard to be in a practice of movement towards becoming the adult that you were born to be. It's really hard. It's so hard that most people don't do it. It's hard because it's painful.

- Jerry Colonna, talking about his book Reboot

Scripture

Philippians 3:7-16

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Sermon

Remembering Rightly and Running Hard

Rankin Wilbourne

Information and Resources

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, website (PacificCrossroads.org/Events) or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.

General Fund Update (as of 8/25/19)

Offerings Budget: **\$2,809,721**

Expenses Budget: **\$3,283,274**

Offerings Actual: **\$2,559,834**

Expenses Actual: **\$2,816,035**

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