



Tough Stuff

HOW TO NAVIGATE FAITH & CULTURE



MESSAGE: Random Violence

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What are we to think about all of this?

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NIV)

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality." –Max De Pree

Jesus defines reality

Jesus assumes that each one of us has a frame of reality

Our frames of reality are shaped by the combination of four things:

Families of origin

Life experiences

Defining events

Stories we believe

Our frames of reality do not fully align with REALITY

Jesus defines the world's frame of reality

"In this world you will have trouble."—Jesus of Nazareth

The world's frame of reality is a combination of three things:

Human sin (Romans 5:12 NIV)

World systems (Ephesians 6:12 NIV)

The Evil One (1 John 5:19 NIV)

Accepting the reality of trouble matters.

Jesus defines a new frame of reality (Colossians 2:13-15 NLT)

Jesus calls this new reality the “Kingdom of God”

In Jesus’ new frame of reality he doesn’t save us from trouble, but he saves us in trouble

There is no trouble that he cannot help us overcome

In what frame of reality are you going to live your life?

Your frame of reality will determine your attitudes, emotional states, actions, and ultimately your eternity

How is your frame of reality working for you?

Now what?

Change your frame (Mark 1:15 NIV)

Live with courage

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