



Rescue Me: Week Two “Revere”

Psalm 22:23-31

*Reverence is the tension
between our fear(ness) and
God’s tenderness.*



SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

AS WE STEP OUT INTO THE LENTEN JOURNEY—IT’S EASY TO FEEL LOST

THIS SERMON SERIES RECOGNIZES THAT—“RESCUE ME.”

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE—OUR EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO GOD FOR CONNECTION

“WHAT KIND OF GOD _____?” (FILL IN THE BLANK)

“HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FEEL ABOUT THIS GOD?”

FEAR? LOVE? DREAD? INDIFFERENCE?

**PSALM 22:23-31 - OUR SECOND MESSAGE: WE ARE CREATED TO REVERE GOD
REVERENCE IS THE TENSION BETWEEN OUR FEAR(NESS) AND GOD’S TENDERNESS**

- THIS IS THE PSALM THAT BEGINS: “MY GOD, MY GOD...” JESUS ON THE CROSS.
 - READ AT THE FEAST OF PURIM—THE THREAT OF EXTERMINATION/DELIVERANCE.
 - “...THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD.” - FEAR IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM? HOLD THAT.
 - TENSION BETWEEN FEAR(NESS) AND TENDERNESS IS WHERE REVERENCE HAPPENS.
 - THIS GOD “DID NOT HIDE HIS FACE” - MOSES DIDN’T EVEN GET TO SEE IT....
 - PRAISE —THE ONLY PROPER RESPONSE TO AN EXPERIENCE OF TRUE REVERENCE.
 - THE SINGER, THE PEOPLE, POOR, THE OUTSIDERS, ALL OF THE EARTH—GIVE PRAISE.
 - THE PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY LIFELESS—GIVE PRAISE.
 - THOSE WHO HAVEN’T EVEN BEEN BORN YET—GIVE PRAISE.
 - “HE HAS DONE IT!”—WHAT A RESPONSE! “IT IS ACCOMPLISHED” JESUS’ LAST WORDS
- THE SINGER GOES FROM ABJECT DESPAIR, THE LOSS OF GOD—TO PRAISE. HOW?**

THE FEAR(NESS)—WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOU ARE.

WHEN I FELT THE HANDS ON MY SHOULDERS.... I KNEW.

WHEN WE STUDY QUANTUM PHYSICS... WHEN WE CONTEMPLATE THE UNIVERSE....

YOU KNOW THIS.

THE TENDERNESS—WHEN YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS NEARER THAN YOU THOUGHT.

WHEN THE CARDINAL SHOWED UP.

WHEN YOU KNEW THAT THERE WAS COMPASSION SURROUNDING YOU. THAT WORD,
THAT PERSON, THAT SONG, THAT OVERWHELMING FEELING.... **YOU KNOW THIS.**

AND WHEN YOU GET IT—YOU CAN’T HOLD BACK. YOU PRAISE.

THE “FREQUENT FLYER” IN THE PROGRESSIVE CARE UNIT

REVERENCE—AWE, SORROW, JOY, FEAR(NESS) AND TENDERNESS....

REVERENCE IS THE TENSION BETWEEN OUR FEAR(NESS) AND GOD’S TENDERNESS

FOR FURTHER READING:

***Bread & Wine: Readings For Lent & Easter**
by Rob and Kristen Bell*

***A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent**
Walter Brueggeman*

***Pauses for Lent: 40 Words for 40 Days**
Trevor Hudson*

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