

## Summer Playlist 2021 | Part 4 Heads. Hearts. Hands.

### Part 4 takeaway:

- **Connect with us - Next Steps Form**
  - Text “Element” to 97000
  - link to next steps form: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3buyt9>
- **Check in on FB**
  - 10 checkins = 1 day of care for child in poverty
  - Compassion international

### No In Person

- July 3
- July 31

### Social Summer

- Calendar of Events
- Social Channels

### Adoption Associates - Grand Ledge

- A Christian Agency: We are a Christian agency serving clients of all faiths. A disclosure or statement of faith is not required.
- Pregnant & Need Help? Reach out to us 24/7 (phone & chat)
- 5 Stars - Google Reviews

## PRAY

### Today: Summer Playlist

### Roe vs. Wade

Tyranny is the intentional removal of nuance. - Albert Maysles

A struggle for power requires “emotional” response - visions move at the speed of people/leaders and money. People move and money is given because of emotion. Fear. Concern.

- Politics
- Racial issues
- Sexual & gender conversations

Jesus was actually killed because he positioned himself in the middle of two extreme positions: Religion, Rebellion, Relationship

### Head, Heart, Hands

Get off our back foot and engage.

#### 1.) Heads

Proverbs 4:7: The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

- Learn
  - **History**
    - 2 Kinds of Freedom
- **ILL. Os Guinness**
  - Ming Dynasty was in power
  - Europe moved into power

- Gathered for a summit to discuss WHY?
- A: Christian Religion & Thinking/Theology
- A2: Jewish Scholar - no, that has been there before...
- A3: **Reformation** - the sovereignty of the individual in the Christian context of freedom & responsibility
  - Freedom
  - Responsibility
  - Freedom + Responsibility

### ILL. Prodigal God/Son

- the rebellious self seeker
- the religious rule keeper
- the relational son + daughter

### Luke 15

“You can avoid [God] by keeping all the moral laws. If you do that, then you have “rights.” God owes you answered prayers, and a good life, and a ticket to heaven when you die. You don’t need a Savior who pardons you by free grace, for you are your own Savior.” - The Prodigal God

“Neither son loved the father... they both were using the father for their own [ends]... you can be alienated from him either by breaking his rules or by keeping all of them diligently.” - The Prodigal God

- Theology & Philosophy

Most of the ideas driving our lives are rather old, they are just in new contexts.

- We need to understand them

- **Worldview** - Comprehensive & Consistent

### **ILL. Interviewing College Students**

- Do you believe in “My body, My Choice”
- Do you believe in Vaccinations
- “My body my choice” - In regards to abortion
- “My body my choice” - in regards to vaccines?
  - **Incongruence to those two ideas**

### **Rebel**

### **Religious**

### **Relationship**

### **Calling/Deep sense of Purpose**

- **Hindu & Buddhist = “forget it”**
  - Become one - lose individuality
  - Not freedom to be individual but to lose individuality
- **The Western Secular = “do it yourself”**
  - No objective purpose out there to discover
    - Must create it yourself
  - Bertrand Russell - Greek Atlas
  - Pull yourself up by bootstraps
- **The Biblical: Christian & Jewish sense of CALLING**
  - Deepest sense of purpose in history
  - “Be who you are, created in the image of God.”

- Beyond a static point, “Become who you can become. Not just created by God, but called to be in relationship and partnership with God.”
- Abraham - an individual, a family, a community
- Jesus - Follow me
  - Those two words have changed the world
  - Go out and live for him
  - Personal & Practical in history

## 2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

## 2.) Hearts

- Health & Wholeness
- Carry God’s heart
- Contend with ideas. Care for people.
- ILL. See the Father clearly, junk has to be removed
  - Forgiveness
  - Repentance
  - Confession
  - Worship
  - Prayer
  - Truth & Lies

## Hands:

- Faith without works is dead - James
- Love, listen, ask questions
- Personal vs. Public/Politicized
  - 1970s was a knee jerk to the 60s - overly politicized

- Politics incredibly important, in it's place
  - Personal vs. Public/Politicized
- **Prophetic Truth in our everyday lives**

## Healers of the breach

- **Wilberforce - young man, wealthy, clubbing**
  - Living for himself
  - When converted thought, "I've got to drop out of parliament and become a minister. Surely more spiritual to be a minister than a member of parliament."
  - John Newton who was a minister and wrote amazing grace - "for heaven's sake, don't... Stay where you are and ask God what He wants you to do where you are."
  - After two years, Wilberforce in his journal:
    - Mission statement: "God almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners [moral standards]."
    - Stayed in parliament:
      - Founded the world's first Bible society
      - First society for the protection of cruelty to animals
      - Founded London's national gallery for arts
      - Fought abolition of slavery
- Everyone, Everywhere, Everything
  - No secular, spiritual divide
  - Martin Luther - while you are changing diapers

“There aren’t many leaders left. People follow you. Don’t stop.” -  
Obi Wan Kenobi

IS. 58:11-12

11 The Lord will guide you continually,  
giving you water when you are dry  
and restoring your strength.

You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like an ever-flowing spring.

12

Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.  
Then you will be known as a rebuilders of walls  
and a restorer of homes.

### **Renewal is a call back to Covenant**

- Back to first principles

### **That leads us to this responsibility... where/how?**

- Pray for their walk with God
- Pray for the family to walk out discipleship together
- Pray for covenant community in local church context

### **Reminders & Release**

Parking validations

Prayer teams