



The Power of the Ordinary

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Benedictine House, book award interview, life imploded, recovering a paradox.

Seeing God's glory doesn't enable us to _____ ordinary life but _____ us to enter it again and thrive.

1. What did they Return To? (vs. 8)

- Blue _____ (vs. 8, 20, shepherds)
- Late _____ (vs. 8, by night)
- Pressure & _____ (vs. 8, keeping watch)

We enter unwanted battle so that we can _____ to the _____

“there is nothing better” (Ecclesiastes)

ER, BR, Jesus Way, coffee breath

2. How Did They Return?

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (vs 20)

- -Glorifying (pulling the curtains back)
- -Praising (To praise someone)

Charles Taylor, immanent frame. The story we tell ourselves and then live within.

A friend recently, “I’m realizing that I’ve arranged my life in such a way that I don’t need God and it troubles me.”

Siri, The man with Jesus . . . go home and tell . . .

3. When Did They Return?

The Shepherds and the life of Jesus, rumor, silence, rumor, faith.

Most of their life has been lived in God’s world holding a handful of story, memory and experience with God that they can’t fully explain but neither can they deny it.

4. Why Did They Return?

Because they’d seen the _____ of God and were recovered to the _____ this God is telling us about our lives.

Heavenly host (Jn. 18:36, Matt. 26:53; Rev. 12:7-9)

A child at midlife.

Applying His Wisdom to Your Life

Where do you most need God’s gracious help? (circle one)

- Feeling connected to God
- Taking that connection into my ordinary life
- Living within the story Jesus tells us about the world
- Seeing my life with God as necessary for the real world

With Jesus what small step of grace can you take this week?

pray talk to a friend meet with a mentor ask for help