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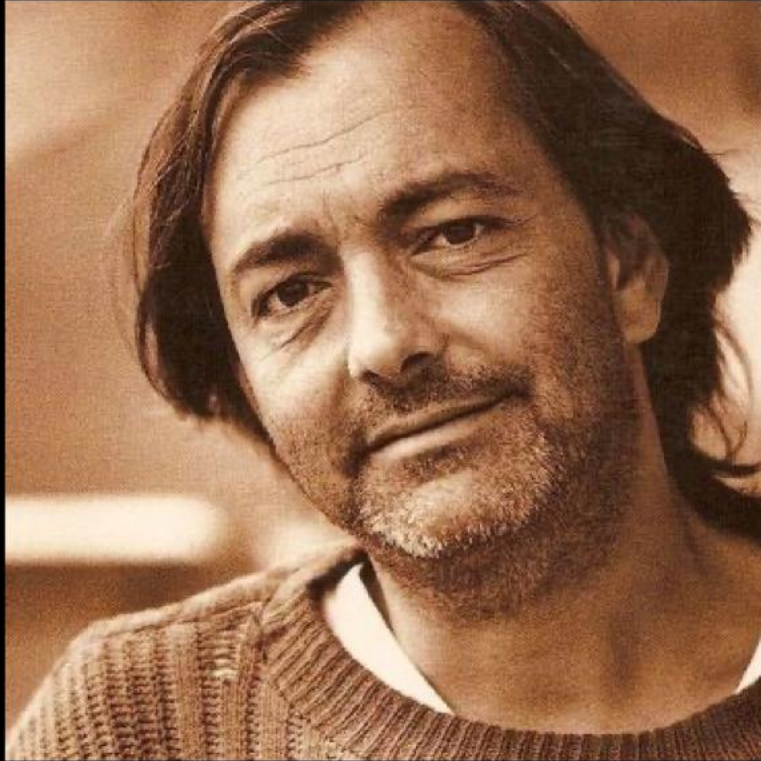
14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.



**“I grew up hearing
everyone tell me ‘God
loves you.’**

**I would say ‘Big deal,
God loves everybody.
That don't make me
special!’”**

The God Who Listens

When the Word Became Flesh

Point 1: The God Who Listens

“It is God’s love for us that He not only gives us His Word but also lends us His ear...”

“Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his neighbor, but only for himself and for his own follies.”

- Bonhoeffer

Point 2- The God Who Gets Involved

Hebrews 2:18 tells us that, "Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Point 3- The God Who Deals With Death & Disappointment

1. What makes you stop listening to someone?
2. Bonhoeffer warned that Christians are "talking where they should be listening." Do you think Christians are worse listeners than others? Why or why not?
3. Pain and disappointment are inevitable. How does hope in Jesus help us be honest without becoming cynical?