

SAYS WHO? MARTIN LUTHER- RE-DISCOVERING FAITH

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Impact of our Faith-Parents. "I heard it in his voice!"

Luther impacts upon our "voice" in multiple ways

Historical Fact: The Christian Church began a _____ because of the passionate, broken Martin Luther.

1. WHY THEN? The "Church" lived at an unusual _____.

- the spiritual confusion
- the clergy
- the distance

2. WHY HIM?

Galatians 3: 9- 14

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Principle: In the end, Martin was determined to pursue a rigorous path to find and live the vital truth. "Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me." (Luther, on trial, 1517)

Opportunities & Off Ramps

"Most people spend their lives preparing to live." Paul Tournier

A Dawning Realization:

3. WHAT COULD _____ LOOK LIKE FOR US?

"I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:3 NASB

"Go back and tell John what you have heard and seen... God blesses those who do not turn away because of me." Matt 11: 2- 6 New Living

The Challenge: Learning to RE- THINK faith BEFORE it becomes convenient.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Bring Martin Luther forward to our era for a moment. Imagine him as a part of our church family or your work team. What would be the encouragements? The challenges of relating to him?
2. What parts of Luther's story are inspiring to you? What is worth imitating in his life? What do suppose God would use "Luthers" today to reform in the North American Church? Why?
3. If Luther's life prods us toward re-thinking our faith – letting God refresh us in faith- what would be the 1st step in this re-thinking? What are the barriers to letting God refresh us this way?
4. Put yourself in Matt 11: 2- 3 with John the Baptist. What is he re-thinking? Feeling? Doing? Why does Jesus give him the answer He does (vv. 4- 6)