



LUKE 10:27 *A Community of Faith*

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“Lead us in Your truth and teach us,
for You are the God of our salvation.”

Psalms 25:5

A Letter to Luke

from Leslie

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Learnings from Catalyst

Thirteen thousand people, who like you, love the Lord, gathered last week in Atlanta to learn— among them were Michelle Lavergne, Rory Martin (my son) and myself.

We gathered for a single purpose: To learn *how* to help bring God’s kingdom to earth.

The theme dictated the how. “Be Present.”

Be Present in the moment. Don’t be afraid. “Since when is Jesus not enough?!” *Mark Driscoll*

Be Present in poverty.

The poor are your brothers and sisters. “Talk less. Act more.” (*Jim Daly*)

Be Present in your relationship with God. Don’t be absent. “You can’t impress God. He’s already outrageously in love with you.” (*Joel Houston*)

Be present with our youth. Don’t lose them. “It is our responsibility to mentor our youth, not the youth worker’s.” (*David Kinnemann*)

Be present in your tasks. Don’t be paralyzed by the possible reaction of someone else. “Do the greatest good for

The greatest number of people.” (*Jim Collins*)

Be present with one another. Don’t forget the love. “Let love have the last word” (*Cornell West*)

Be Present in the new. Don’t get stuck in the way it’s always been. “Start something that matters.” (*David Thoms*)

“Be Present!” over 60 presenters urged. Why? “Because your presence matters!”



A world record was set: *the entire bible was read in 60 seconds.*

We were told, “Pick up the card under your seat.” Underneath 13,000 filled seats were cards that contained 1/13,000th of the scripture.

At the appointed time everyone began reading the scripture on their card. For 60 seconds a cacophony of God’s kingdom sounded and Heaven made its holy presence known. It was glory!



The Voices that shouted loudest to my spirit:

Be Present in the moment.

Don't be afraid. “



Photo by John Keasley

“Since when is Jesus not enough?!”
Mark Driscoll, founding pastor of Mars Hill Church and wrote the book Doctrine.

Key Points:

- One of the most important questions a leader can ask is *What are you afraid of?*
- Our response to fear is flight, fright, or fight
- Fear isn't always a sin, but it is always an opportunity
- Fear extends to awe. Who are you in awe of? Who are you putting in place of God? With teens it's peer pressure. With adults it's people pleasuring and co-dependency.
- “Fear not!” is the most frequently mentioned commandment in the Bible.
- We all fear. It's why the Bible keeps mentioning it over and over and over again.
- Ask yourself: Are you committed to people or to things that God did not call you to?
- Scriptures to reflect on (look at who He's talking to and what happens)

Psalm 29:25, Psalm 23:4
 Isaiah 41:14, Jeremiah, 1:8, Daniel 10:12, Haggai 4:2-5, Luke 1:30 and Matthew 28:10.

Be Present in poverty.

Don't forget that the poor are your brothers and sisters.



“Talk less. Act more.”

Jim Daly, successor to James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family

Key Points:

- Our Father wants families and marriages to succeed. We as Christians have blown it. But, that doesn't change what our Father wants.
- Important that when we stand against something (politically and/or in our families) we do it in love, not anger; with a desire to talk, not curse.
- Don't forget God's grace, Romans 2:4 It is God's kindness and patience that leads to repentance.
- A favorite quote by Josh McDowell to remember in families, “Rules without relationships lead to rebellion.”
- Peter was angry and cut off ear of soldier who was arresting Jesus (Jn.18:10). Jesus healed it. Why? He knew, even though he was “the enemy”, that the soldier would be considered blemished and would be unable to worship in the temple. Rm2:4
- Do everything you can to lower the barriers to help those who frustrate you to see Jesus.
- Accept people and allow the Holy spirit to change them.

Be Present in your relationship with God.

Don't be absent.



“You can't impress God. He's already outrageously in love with you.”

Joel Houston, songwriter and worship leader for Hillsong UNITED

Key Points:

- I learned God Worship when my pride was shattered.
- (Even though this young artist spoke less than any other speaker, for many of us his witness made the greatest impact. His honesty, vulnerability, humility and wisdom were disarming and powerful).
- We live in a world of absent: absent moms, absent dads....
- We put man in the place that only God can occupy. Subsequently, we are empty and we live absent.
- We desire more to impress people and to impress God.
- “We can't impress God. He is already outrageously in love with you.”

This is Katie Dais.

I want you to know about her.

At age 18 she went to Uganda on a mission trip. She was so moved by the orphans that she returned when she graduated one year later. And in three years time as a single young woman she adopted 13 little girls, obtained sponsorship for 400 orphans for schooling and established a feeding program for over 2200 orphans. Her key to being present is to believe that God is who He says He is.



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“It is our responsibility to mentor our youth, not the youth worker’s.”

David Kinnemann, President, Barna Research group and author

Key Points:

- Teens today receive on the average of 10.5 hours of media intake per day!!
- 20 years ago 89% of U.S. population believed the Bible to be sacred. Today it is less than 67%.
- Recognize trends and respond differently to them.
- Critical questions: what does it mean to be present with this new generation?
- They need (1) solid inter-generation relationships, (2) a clear picture of their purpose, and (3) revelation wisdom about God.
- We need to be present with our youth as they process their parents, relationships, divorce, sexuality... It is not about providing them with answers, as much as it is to be present to help them process.
- In your youth group make a shift. Have more adults than kids. It is our responsibility to disciple them, not the youth worker's!!
- In his book, [You Lost Me](#) he shares how and why we have lost one generation (18-29 year olds) and where the hope lies in not losing the next generation.

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“Do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.”

Jim Collins., author [Good to Great](#), bestseller on New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and BusinessWeek lists.

Key Points:

- Jim Collins was speaking solely from a secular position, with great wisdom.
- Why do some companies and their leaders thrive in the face of immense uncertainty and chaos and others don't?
- It isn't about their circumstances, it is about their choices.
- It is about humility. Humility is a burning desire channeled outward in a cause bigger than yourself combined with a stoic will to do whatever is necessary to make it happen.
- How do enterprises fall? It begins with hubris. Hubris is outrageous arrogance that inflicts suffering on the poor. It is when we neglect our people and still expect them to give their best to the cause.
- In a world of chaos and uncertainty we need humility and will. But, we also need discipline, empirical creativity (combining empirical data with creative thinking) and productive paranoia (channeling anxiety into productive actions)
- Always be ready to change practices, but keep the values.

Be present with one another.

Don't forget the love.



“Let love have the last word.” *Cornell West, Professor, Princeton University*

Key Points:

- Love has to do with going on the offensive. Not the same as hated of something.
- Recognize that the world is not your home. You are a pilgrim. Ask, where is the love for the orphan...the widow...the prisoner...
- Team work makes the dream work
- Quoted Martin Luther King, “No matter what I will keep love as having the last word!”

Be Present in the new.

Don't get stuck in the way it's always been.



“Start something that matters.”

Blake Mycoskie, founder TOMS shoes.

Key points:

- TOMS shoes: For every pair of shoes you buy, a pair of shoes is provided for a needed child.
- He wanted to provide shoes for 250 kids in Argentina—in 5 years he helped over 2 million children.

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Be present in the lives of our children!

Call the church office (664-1027) or sign up at church on Sunday to let Kathryn or Stephanie know how you can help.

Work a booth

Cook and serve dinner

Set up

Clean up

Donate:

Mini tootsie rolls

Jolly ranchers

2 dozen cupcakes

Ping pong balls, Duck tape

Small balloons for water balloons

Card Tables (to borrow)

Have a question? Contact Kathryn Martin (936-2454) or Stephanie Hill (324-0314)