

S#318a

First United Church

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JER 20:1-18

ROM 8:7-13

11 AM.

I think There must be a natural law -

that says - the passage of time turns the sharp dull
- The passing on of a word from one to another
turns what is gutsy + revealing
into what is bland + shallow.

Church is always running out of the living word.

is always needing to be shaken again, by a recovery of
the Biblical Message.

one of the ^{crucial} areas - Modern Western Manhood -
- you and I

Increasingly BLAND

Respect to our Understanding of
and evaluation of INNOCENCE

NOT an accident - going on at the same time.

increasing number of } examples of violence
= intensify of }

BLAND - LOOK UPON

DESIRE FOR INNOCENCE - simple approval.

get everyone to feel that way

all these violent things. } must be put in their place
all these violent people. } - whole lot of peace loving people

don't want to hurt others.

don't agree against their fellows

don't abuse power.

BLAND:

Goal of the Xn Thing: create Blameless people

CHRISTIAN DREAM: like Blameless

IN A VERY PROFOUND WAY

especially with respect to this power business

That is NOT QUITE IT - Not the Xn Dream

Paul - not of flesh →
But Spirit →

~~St Paul~~ - That word - "according to the flesh"
waited down - got to work
of us -

Phlegma: - life according to the flesh -
Zeal to be blameless →

Shock: - Zeal to be blameless -

I think - began to see
clearly what this is
seen as something very much like SIN

DRIVING A.T. when considered → Power Business.

Power - Real } Human existence
+ Necessary }

WANT IT - because you are - things change.
your existence - effects others -

News had egg with my mother -
News my Dent.

You want it - DON'T HAVE IT. → VIOLENT.
FORCE CHANGES -

HAVE IT: member of society - sub group
class
greater or lesser extent
express
ABSENTEE
VIOLENCE
ignore this
pretend don't.
thing to how you have
class.
~~supposed to violence of status~~
~~supposed to violence~~

NECESSARY

TO BE - HAVE POWER
TAKES POWER TO BE

X in WORD

Necessary Reality in life

• NOT ↑ uncomplicated affirmation to have
our Nose Clean.
↓ NOT - however how to be blameless

* Live in today's world CAN'T decide anything -
country
city
except totally uninvolved
Take part of it. Be responsible
- a keep your Nose Clean

Do NOT go to keep your nose clean
- perpetuate the violence of the state, etc.

* Can't Love again - (you can be sentimental)
+ Keep your nose clean.

achievers Mother & Daughter - close one, value each
- beautiful pair.

"Of course I love her -

I want my love to make a difference,
and I'm scared when it does.

The Dream of Innocence is a God dream if it works
out our guilt & responsibility.

Heavenly: encounter with God - gutsy language.
- Dread warrior
- When I say I'll lay my life
do - Then being fine sheet up
in my bones.

Longer for innocence - Flight from that
state.

Wood God re, mother had reward payment for
ever.

- Return to the world - non being
rejection of being.

Paul: In spirit - mind of in flesh -
groom together like the whole of creation.
waiting for adaptation as son

The state of Salvation in X - state of Grace - NOT state of blamelessness

Life In The Spirit :- a making it possible
~~state~~ to be in the state of
 wanting my love to make a difference
 and being scared when it does.

~~State~~ Salvation in X is
 Grace to be just a Sinner at the same time.
 - grace to be $\rightarrow$ otherwise -
 decide nothing
 have nothing.

Salvation in X is grace to take responsibility
 for the effect of my actions & my being.
 NOT to escape that responsibility.

When the longing to be blameless overwhelms
 the desire to be responsible
 it is a vicious thing.
 This is the meaning of the inference in the
 sermon till.

The Dream of Innocence - By itself
 is an evil dream,