

SUNDAY

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7 PM Boordbrook

"You must preach," says Luther "As a mother
suckles her child."

When I picked (or was picked) This Quotation
~~for~~ Martin Luther's - as the Title for Tonight's
Talk - I gave myself ^{for} a couple
of problems.

I + Sounds like advice to Preachers,
ought to be Part of a lecture to a class of student
ministers -
instead of → Aimed to general public.

(a) Deep way - Kind of preaching preachers do,
is shaped - Kind of listening, listeners do.

How you enter - make a difference to - how precisely is
the heart

(b) essence of preaching ministry
- ministry we all have ~~with~~ each other
- what can be addressed to preachers
concerning preaching
- addressed to all of us concerning
the help we can be to each other,

II It sounds like Advice ^{advising that you don't}
^{→ give advice}
what it is Advising - ~~exactly~~ - very not like advice
what could be less like advice
Than a mother nursing her child

Even a contradiction can help us get
at →
task of preaching is.

BASIC ASSUMPTION -

Preaching is worth getting at.

IN + Business of creating human wholeness
+ renewal of life
+ resolution of conflicts.
+ reconciliation of alienated.
+ Slogging out of the need from the spurious
SOMETHING. Must BE BROUGHT TO →
ARE words to be said: -

NEWS - ANNOUNCED -

Preaching

LUTHER.

Xn Preaching in

you must preach as a mother
suckle her child.

this too would do you as good if that primitive
body had metaphor doesn't grab you,

* Watch almost anyone get into enough trouble.
- greatly threatened
do something very much like such
that think.

WHY NOT?

That's how we all began. - one human animal
there is.

YOU BEGAN - were not - you weren't all there - start.

BOTTOM OF THE PILE } FIRST STEP - INDIVIDUAL = DISTINCTION
YOU + YOUR WORLD - How would -
→ SHOCK

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SAME TIME : -

NO - word is NOT ME

YES - FOR ME

- ACCEPT ME

- TRUSTED TO SUSTAIN ME

- Made Provision

NURSED - exactly based on Bible

I can't imagine a more powerful metaphor -
for the Provision of the most Basic
Human - creating ingredient God's mother

NURSING MOTHER -

That Provision : Preaching is all about.

GOOD NEWS.

LIGHT - MAKE ALIVE

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

TREASURE HID IN A FIELD.

GOD BELIEVES IN YOU.

GOD CALLS SINNERS YES.

Pause 2 minutes of Silence. Both of a Good word.

Popular English usage →

just about means the opposite.

"DON'T YOU preach at me!"

"he never stops preaching"

- Talks Down - Holier than thou
- Lecture me about what's wrong with me.
- ~~Holier than~~

great Tragedy

What has been given The Church - Not
That kind of word at all. —

WORD

- * That was meant to address our most basic alienation - you are accepted
- * That was meant to get to our most basic hunger - with fit provision,
- * That was meant to penetrate our deepest darkness with the conviction - "God believes in you."

BEARERS OF THAT MESSAGE

meant to be to each other in the Church
& the world.

OBVIOUSLY - we were pretty good at trying it around.
- we can descend ^{very quickly} to the kind
of purely preachiness
preaching from a great height.
to lesser ~~people~~ ones
- we'll be back trying it around in the way
again & again.

BUT what a wonderful thing to be called to.

- To be providers & receivers of the WORD.
- even if all we do is appropriate,
- what a wonderful thing to be called to - - -
- - The kind of preaching Martin Luther talks about,
- which is - Like a mother suckling her child