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VBC

Back talk:

Genesis 32:24-32
11 Cor 4:1-6

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Purpose. These assemblies - V.C. Chaplains might get
a chance to preach.
That's why we have arranged the evening as we have,
Service & worship - and a time afterwards for the back-Talk &
Conversation.

Christian Preaching - can happen only when both listener &
Preacher participate.

| what did you say
| what did you mean by that.

only the listening Preacher can preach →

Nature of what is to be communicated -
is such that it can be communicated
only as there is an encounter between people
in which both preacher & congregations are active.

Purpose of all Xn Preach - Minister a Saving Faith -
proclaim a living word - create new being.
proclaim word of God in Power of the Spirit.
Fruit of Spirit - carries its
own power to convince
convert - convert.

Living Word - whose purpose is to create
believers - you.

Purpose of Xn Preach is to proclaim Good news of the Gospel,
+ heard -

not heard: - people don't get the chance to say what do you mean?
- saving word - salvation - belief in the Lord Jesus etc.
not heard: - Dull - irrelevant → like he has no questions that
need any answers -

do no - doubting or wordy - can't hear what is proclaimed
Christian Faith - not meaningful to say - unconcerned with
the question of meaning.

~~women me~~ Not heard: - because people have questions - don't let them
ask the deepest questions? ~~that is~~

people for whom life contains real crises -

- Don't think they have anything to do with religion.

What the religious Dimension is

Magnificent story of Jacob's wrestle with the angel.

Classic analogy of what the religious dimension is.

one of his faces his brother -

Taken every precaution.

What is thy Name.

When I say - Existence is a wrestling in the dark?

Do you know what I am talking about?

To Exist as a human - struggle in the dark with an unnamed
unknown adversary.
Aware have charge of an existence -
vulnerable, under attack, threatened.

Q. This is the religious dimension.

Religious question: - Not. Does God Exist?

Religious question - what is this unknown adversary's Name?

Religious question - Jacob's question: - with whom do we wrestle
What is Thy Name.

Those who begin to see - This is life's crisis
Fundamental to all crises

} one where the
power of the
Gospel can
mean something

The cry - what is thy Name? - Gospel Brought the
good news.

To that question - Gospel is spoken.

There - won't recognize themselves →

Existence is a struggle uncered threats, advances.
 I'll bet by do - W's Behave -
 Student - A - v's few A's were given out!

regret on A too - feel →

Status - necessary -

great anxiety - Existence threatens out status.

Marks: - pull any night out of you: -

More was lower -

Status mean so much → give the appearance

Hostility: -

Status

Good opinion of oneself

reminds us of our guilt. (resent parents)

that it doesn't matter - living in

the dark - Threat - we don't count at all in existence

come to carry }
 job to job

Keep the record going - don't stop: -

emptiness.

like as it really is for us - empty.

Moment of wonder - with wonder with which our English has to do. not where we count.

Remembering a solemn thing: -



Life is not before us -

repeats - behind us! -

vulnerable it all is.

dark & remote

its promise & grandeur unfulfilled

Name of the darkness - hangs over existence,

Recognize Crisis. comes: -

Quiet - can't make amends for →

Trees - embroiled.

IF only - IF only - in the grips advances threats for us

Failure: - vocation - reason for being.

body - ministry

in existence we have to do with a dark unknown - threatens our existence

Decision - such a burden ~~is~~ wrong -

| Threat of Failure →
| Success may be empty →

Unknown Darkness -

Versions: Jacob's wrestle in the dark,
Religion's question - With whom have we to do -

When do we have anything to do with Religion -
when we exist,
wrestle in the dark - which threatens our existence.

wrestle Jacob's struggle; - it is God with whom we wrestle.
God is our adversary in the Dark; - ^{as Repent not}
^{from me until thou}
^{has blessed me}

What is His name? -

To that wrestle in the Dark - Goodness is spoken!
God who caused light to shine out of Darkness, has shined
in our hearts to give the knowledge of the glory of God
in the Face of Jesus Christ.

His name is Love -
Love that loves sinners
every one of us less than love.

See life for what it is - I encounter with the Sovereign love of God
Cares for what it is - ^{sub to Established gov} ^{epist}

What if you believed it?

Become your God.

Can you believe it? -

Here is the Gospel - you can deny it in name
rebellious against God himself who supposes you
to believe it.