

Sanctification
Phenomenon of
Endless Felicity

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This morning I want to talk about fulfilment. As you know every Friday morning we have been looking at sanctification and the last two weeks ~~have been~~ dealt with the triangles of universal benevolence and radical integrity in the phenomenological demension. And this morning as the Priest endless felicity. What helped me get my mind around, I have to talk to myself about what sanctification is and John Epps is a great artist and one of his art pieces has enabled me to talk about that. It goes something like this. This is me. This is and the rest of horizontal piece

Anyway what everybody knows is that reality and and I am conscious of that. Everybody knows that. Sanctification has to do with transforming all three of these. All three of those relationships. And that is that the first one would be that the relationship transformed there would be reality that ~~relationship~~ in passing me or most of us think that whatever the reality is, is out to get me.

transformed into So that thing that is out to get me is my friend. That it really is the never-kind universe which transforms the benevolent and kind as well as friend, because my experiences are the same. And that has to do the whole weight of the world experiencing the whole business of universal benevolence

fact The second kind of relationship is that if I am past reality and from a stance of either victimism that I can't or stoicism that I or cynicism that I'll mess it up if by doing ~~exists~~ it What every stance that you and I understand ourselves relative to impacting realities that, there also is a transformation there and that has to do with the fact that in every situation it is possible for me to create, to be creative and pick up the whole weight of the world. ~~exists~~ and moving just two inches

. In talk last week on radical integrity moving, being, the fact that you have moved two inches or something. Just picking up the weight of everything that's been dumped on you and deciding how you're going to move on the situation has to be done with radical integrity. Picking it up and moving, picking up the responsibility of the crushing burden, transforming the "I can't" and I'll endure it" to "Yes."

That's probably too simple, but finally my consciousness of the situation is transformed has to do with the fact that usually when I see that reality is past me and I am past reality and what's happening in our time that consciousness has dawned on man, the lucidity is paralyzing him and what happens, ~~that consciousness is polarized on this particular level and that particular dimension and so~~ ~~sanctification has to do with transforming the paralysis of the whole thing into a mess~~ I'm conscious of it and You know I'm conscious of it, the whole thing is a mess and I can't do it, into the situation, the whole thing is loving me. The whole thing is loving me. If I had it to do all over again. If I were eighteen, all over again somebody said the other day (the Marilyn Monroe statement) If I were eighteen all over again "I wouldn't do anything different. And suddenly when you make that statement. At least I'm swept into realizing that that pain and that suffering is my greatness. Is the universe loving me and I'm conscious of that.

And so this morning to talk about sanctification relative to fulfillment, my mind flips back for a moment to the movie of "The Hospital." I saw it for the first time about a week ago. People have been talking about it. And truly Patton or whatever his name was, a man of radical integrity at the end of the movie. You know he chose --he could have chose zocnism, to go with the girl back to the Indian Reservation, or to chose to go back into the hospital. And you know ~~what would it be like to go back~~ ^{Yeh, you say} ^{after he had} "What would it be like to go back into the hospital day after day after day as head man of surgery? Well, whatever it was, that's what's human. And you begin to get images. Day after day after day working in that hospital is fulfillment.

That fulfillment has something to do with grasping a fresh, a meaning, not that the situation has changed, but grasping afresh. That life is saying that the consciousness of that is different. Now that may or may not help you, but it begins to help me. I want to use the triangles and on the pole of the three categories are problemless no probl. the third one is existence, expenditure, glorious perserverence, you can tell that we saw "The Man of La Mancha and the third one is perfect love. And I don't mean that fantastic. perfect love. And the kind of categories . The ground of fulfillment, the second one

is fulfillment of sociology, the fulfillment of endlessness. And

someway of finally know what I mean.

But ~~XXXXXXXX~~ first of all the fact that you and I are given to embrace the world really we've talked about that Now that's hard ~~to~~ for me to believe. But in our

situation every day in my post ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that I am embracing the world.

That ~~the~~ what happens when you and I experi^{ence} as we talked about the whole business just being

the mountain of ~~responsibility~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ up against the mountain of care and what happens ~~is~~ then is I experience that reality is indeed ing me

and reality

that I have the possibility of being conscious and responding in a brand new way.

And then to move on that, to say that what it means for me to be a human being and Joe talked about this last to ~~any~~ create the self. That I accept the world

pick up that weight. I invent who I am and we talked a lot about that. What happens for me is I realize, much to my amazement, (its ^{probably like this} ~~Howe~~ you ever had the experience of seeing a movie where the general charged to the top of the hill and he saw his troops

behind him and he realized he was the only guy there? Its kinda like that. You've got to respond to history's demand. You look around and YOU'RE IT. And you realize of victim.

that you along are the answer to history's You're it. Whether you like it or not ~~you're~~ it's all of you and however you move in that situation is how you create, or that

creativity, I used to think creativity was something magic, like you'd wave the magic wand and in education circles you'd talk about creativity. And you'd

think hocus, pocus. But I've decided that creativity is again moving with a whole lot of responsibility ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on your back. It is walking into a job, literally walking into a job and deciding how ~~XXXXXXXX~~ you are going to get that job done.

Its walking into a classroom and decidédg how you are going to ~~xxx~~ teach all those people to read. today. Today! And then tomorrow and the next day. That's creativity.

And that has to do with just expending yourself. It's not going to happen unless you just decided to do it. Just put your whole self out. Then you can see that

is not your problem, but
has to do with the fact that your problem, that a person's problem, is the problem
realize that
of all society You look around at society and you ~~say~~ say, "Society stinks."
its crummy. And then you say _____ There's some relationship here.

It's not that simple. It's kinda like when the aching of your stomach comes to
nausea.

~~that's~~ I remember one day I was called down to the lunch room, and I was told
there was a riot When I got there And the most horrifying there was these
guys had taken some other guys coats, stuff and all that, and there were these
three guys on the floor and these other guys were just them with chairs and
~~everything~~ everything. I've never seen physical violence like that. I kinda got shoved
back cause I was about the only white people in the cafeteria
other
Anyway, I suddenly realized that kids kidneys were getting pounded on and afterward I

realized that that was not just his problem or my problem, but society's problem.

I mean all the people that were getting pounded on. That's the thing that really
turned the nausea in my stomach.

And that's kinda a common experience. That in the midst of that kind of world,
only a glorious perseverance.
that the kind of world that we have to persevere. It kinda reminds me of Don Quixote
glorious perseverance. Well that's it. You're in the middle of a lunchroom with a
riot going on and that how you respond. That's how you venture You are
inventing your life in the middle of the world. That's the only place there is. And
that has to do finally with just the ground of fulfillment, understanding yourself.

to be the answer to whatever is needed. Now to talk about this fulfillment of _____
sort of thing. My life is filled full of this sort of experience. Its hard for me--I'm

to tell this story. I think its true. I know its true. He said it was true.
Its about a little boy one day not too long ago. He wanted to scare his sister, so he
brought home a you know a _____ from the Biology Lab. He put it under her bed.
And when she woke it eating the greasy spood. That's kinda the
mode of the times today. I mean just the wanted to enjoy the pain and
the horror of it.
You laugh That whatever happens to you inside I would bet that everyday you experience

that kind of horror. It's very but I had to say that to get there.

But to say that your own life defines happiness talks about that as

what is happiness is your own life. That there is no reprieve from that. That finally

happiness is about is ~~MEM~~ who you are. Who ~~MEM~~ you decided to be. And that is easy for
comes for me to really believe. That most of our

me to say intellectually, but hard lives is just filled with pain. That every moment I'm called upon to expend myself
wholly. I know that. I'm positive of that. That every moment my life is sucked

down a drain. But the thing that really gets me is that the future isn't going to
be any different. That the endless kind of waste that's on me right now to always
be there. That what happens inside me is my interior space begins ~~to~~ to take on the

ages what it means to be happy. Because I always figured that happy meant somewhere with
rockets around it, where there wasn't any pain. Now wasn't that logical? I have done
in a way to give

that But really down deep inside. But you know when you decide everything you have
there are no problems. Let me talk about it this way.

you can believe. And ~~there are no problems~~ brought him
A couple of summers ago Jack was about a year old. We ~~went~~ to Summer '71 and
we were going to keep him there. And that when we were very short of space.

And so you know little kids to their grandmothers. So
we took him to his grandmothers. And the day he left and I cried and Tim was embarrass
I cried, and I cried, and I was real embarrassed, but
I couldn't stop crying. What I realized later was, well I missed the kid not too much
cause he was well taken care of

but what dawned on me what that he did not
belong to me. And he was always going to be leaving me. No matter what I did to
fill up my life with him. That is not what is going to make happy. And I had to face
with that and what was so scary, but ~~that~~ then I saw that was the problem

in to look at the triangles. You take that one little experience and you
of thing
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is probably the reason that families are fighting
alical roles and you want to know why the emerging generation is
it's because some of the people won't come to ~~terms~~ terms with the
kids don't fill full ~~this~~ their lives. And they experience that because

they articulate that. And its something different and its the ambiguity of
that
that is so great that its nauseus to say ~~me~~ give your whole life. That you say that
that happiness
you risk expenditure. Its like every moment has to do withdeep engagement. And it
and we all know this.
has to do with rishing, expending your life at every moment. That somebody said
that you are looking for.
that it had to do with well'being. You go around and you look, you want to
be happy, and you're angry; and if you're angry you want to be happy. Nobody is
content with his own state of being. You know a world war starts
to us ~~think~~
helpful because what they are saying ~~is~~ that whatever you are, you are. That's
our anger,
okay. Risking whatever we are, risking ~~ours~~ our confusion is a big risk
and it almost like in expenditure
and it like Bonhoeffer right before you say do I dare to be such
a person. Do I dare risk being who I am. Do I try to be some other state of being.
as though you
I don't know; its almost ~~like~~ define happiness That everything has to do with
You know
my happiness. I was talking to John Epps, and he said, ~~Now~~ thats very interesting.
If I'm teaching a PLC, I'm very creative I praising myself all the time, I';;
be glad to get out ofthis. I should talk about myself. Right in the midst of my
most creative moment, What Think about yourself.
dy to
just when you are rea engage the most, and its hard. But
suddenly you see things happening and life in it own kitchen and meatloaf
and all kinds of things like that And you know that's the most creative you've been
At least I am. And I'll be glad when its over.
It's kinda like, when this is over then I have to be creative. When this is over,
I can and by the side add wait until
I hit another job situation. This has to do with saying
and I define happiness as awe. There's nothang left out, going to the bathroom,
what,ever and that finally that's wery difficult for me to get my mind around, the
way that you pick up a security assignment, what happens when you walk down a hall,
I suppose
what happens even when you are sleeping,that you dare risk and therefore are releas
You rish expenditure at every moment not docking anything. And therefore release
yourself and ~~my~~ image of the waltz is that frees you to be totalyng.....

is takes, he pushes my desires or my propensities and tries to misdirect the caring. Maybe that 's not helpful to you, but I end up having a fight with Satan He turns out to be me And I can understand. Why I have desires that would take me out of this room or take me away from any kind of responsible work. I don't know how you would feel about that. I don't want to relate in the first place to the mountain of care and in the second instance, I do. I understand know why some of the Monks have to go whip some of the desires out of their body. When I read this I thought, "Oh how horrible." But its almost like you mortify the flesh and then you don't have any more problems. You get rid of that and then you are free to be servants. Free to just stand there. and fulfilled in doing what's necessary. I think I understand why Jesus why Jesus went into the desert. You know as a symbolic thing when the devil tempted him. Go into the desert is something that we all dread but you and I know that something happens there and what happens is in that period we are all tempted. Temptation to the flesh sometimes. How do you get those desires out so you and I can just be. Just be what is necessary. Be responsibility. Be ~~responsive~~ abundant life. Anything to escape the caring. Anything to escape the gnawing in my stomach. I'll do anything. For comfort for a little while. I think thats why families are in trouble today.

Anything. the caring, anything for comfort. And so we disregard the comfort. Kierkegard talks about that in the terms of the central plunge. I think. Well the other thing here in terms of glorious perserverence. Talking about Mans problem of expenditure relative to just glorious perserverence It. like no matter how much I want to, I never leave life. I never leave it. I want to leave it, but I never leave it.. I just want to continue my discussion of the movie "The Hospital" If you and I had to add an addendum onto that thing about a half an hour longer like when George P. Scott and the administration went back into the hospital, if you had a half hour longer to show would you say that a man of integrity would walk in to a troop of nurses who had decided to be competent to interns who had decided to be austere and watch their sex relations.

The point is, he walked back into the same old thing. And do you think the community was going to let down any? No. What fulfillment has to do with, is going back in. Perserving and loving, taking seriously who you see as your community Chbosing ~~saxionix~~life when it would be much easier ~~xxxxxxx~~ to see some other place where their big ~~xxxxxxx~~ comes out at all times. I know a lot of those places. I guess fulfillment finally has to do with knowing that if you had to do it all over again you wouldn't do anything else with your life. That for me, its not like ~~youxxxx~~ your vocation, you say it ~~knowx~~ now If I had to do it all over again, look into the past and then look into the future. I wouldn't do anything different. Knowing that this is it with my life whatever it is. And the man that can't say that. Deep, deep despair. I live the fulfillment tnat no one can take it away. No one can ever take away the fact thatI an going to do with my life. No one can ever take away the fact that you and I ~~xxxxxxx~~ live with a knot inthe middle of our stomachs

Last night I saw the end of Virginia Wolf. Have you seen "WHO' Afraid of Virginia Wolf? Remember that cosy thing. That was in 1966. I didn't understand it them. I mean I understood it, but I chose to push it all out. But last night as I was watching that thing, they had this big bloody battle and they had just killed their imaginery kid and the closing words were something like, " just us George, " and his answer was "just us Martha. Thats what it means to be filled with the community that no body can ever take away. Its the most truth that there is. Is ~~xxxxxxx~~ the knowing ~~xxxx~~ that you're doing what you need to be doing. If you were the eighteen year old, you would be doing just the very same thing all over again. It has to do how you decide ~~xxxx~~ ering. every- for me not to waste yoursuff and ~~xxxx~~ body suffers. You look out and see the bus driver suffering and you have a big argument as to who is suffering more, the child who is starving or the suburbanite. But finally it has to do with the the suffering, that's all we are, the suffering being channeled responsibly, not wasting it on problems that I don't have. I can remember last summer that Bruce *Baubright* the prior of the Billings House came in and giving his report, he sai

in giving his years report, God bless his soul, he said that he had learned that he had spent a lot of time brooding on problems that he didn't have. You know, he had wasted a lot of energy and suffering on problems that he didn't have. I thought, well that sounds kinda stupid, but then I ^{realized} ~~thought~~ I have spent a lot of time and suffering on problems that I ~~didn't~~ ^{don't} have. You know, things that I wish would happen. What the fulfillment has to do with is being sure that you are not wasting yourself ~~in~~ ^{suffering} ~~in~~ ^{or} your suffering in life the way it is.

And really the I've thought about this a lot. Did you read, Happy Deck? You know you can be either a zookie or a human being. We talk about that lobotomy thing And everybody is clear when they are making the choice. To choice human beingness is to choose deeeep suffering, for the other, its to choose risiking all with no _____ but you focus ~~xxxx~~ your caring here and you know that all the other _____ that don't gee net that day and you feel guilty. Its Patton saying, "My God I love the battle better than I do myself. Its the total engagement.

And then the fulfillment of ^{each} endlessness that life and death ~~xxxx~~ is a mystery. Thats hard for me, but whats not hard for me is there as much unknown in life as there is in death. The mystery is as present in life and it is in death. I'm sure of that. I dread both equally, and I'm fascinated by both equally. To embrace that, to take the endlessness has to do with embracing that which bribes you. To honor that which you hate, your future, your ^{cares} ~~xxxxxxx~~, your death, ^{'ve} everything you ever hated, the _____ of life. We were talking last night in our collage about the use of the Chinese bow. You know its used at the beginning of a duel or a fight, or a match, and you fight like mad towin and then you bow again at the end, its honoring, that which is your enemy. And its having the Lord use your crumminess, or your weakness is turned into your strenght, and we really dont believe that. I'm clear that for a situation to always to come off, you and I ^{clear} always ~~xxxxxxx~~ that life is receive that's what justification is all about. For me sanctification is on the other side of the mountain, a sliding down. You pour your while body into standyng with no problem, you just do it. And what happens is

that your crumminess gets used. That means your anger or whatever state that you are in. I was thinking about the Romin , the mission can even use a murderer. He can use a cynic, It can use an aggrly man. Then when we talk about the category of endlessness, the way I image this, is the way that I being presnet to the mystery of life and in death. Something like this. That I'm ready at any moment to die., every moment. I can remember lying in bed at the hospital after an operation a while back, and it was a long ordeal and I remember talking to the bricks, at night, I was unconscious, I mean I was conscious, but I didn't even know I was doing ti, but I was having this little conversation. And I was talking to the night and what I was saying was, I'm ready to ~~die~~ die now. Everything is okay. Well God is a conversation. Thats the kind of stance you and I have at every moment. I'm ready now. Wherever I am, I'm ready. Or kinda like when the horn honked, you ran out the door and jumped into the car and lo and behold, who is driving , but the mystery. And he is behind the wheel. He is driving. And you trust him. Its your givenness that you trust him, in that particular situation. That being is manifest in my body I used to be in the region and thought all the action was at centrum, so I cam to centrum and now I think all the action is in the region. Its like loving, perserverence, in the space you have. Loving the space you have Because when you're wishing for some other place, you're waisting. You're wasting your wishing. You're wasting your energy. I wasting my energy being, laughing at the the irrevocability of history. Its laughing at the fact that I'm in the wrong spot cause I'm in the right spot. Its rebalancing the New Social Vehicle triangles . Here is my image. You work very hard and you get the economic all in line. You know its perfect. (you know its all imaginal)
The cultural's straight, the deonomic's straight, the politcal's straight, and all the lights are going, and I'll be darned, but the politcal decides to be the tyrant . There you are. You had it all fixed and now you have to go over here and stick your body somewhere else. And get those triangles And thats really what endlessness has to do with. And the only person, I'm confident who knows what he's talking about is the Psalist. And he has these arguments with the Lord.

And the only time that I have an argument with the Lord is petitionary prayer.
~~xxxxxx~~ Its talking back to history. Its risking _____ It has to do
with perseverance at this point. And your saying, "Now Lord, listen,
I can remember when the doctor said I was going to have twins. And I said, Now
listen Lord, I'm telling you. I don't want twins. But that's not all. The'
mission doesn't need ~~xxxxxx~~ twins, not me. Cause I had this image of 5:A.M.
every morning which is hard enough to get myself ready and one other kid
but two kids. You get these kids dressed, bring them down for worship. And so
I know we had a conversation. Now that's probably perverted. I am not sure.
So when the doctor pulled out this kid and said "Its a boy" I said, "How many
more"?

But its not just going along. You've got to have conversations.unless the
mystery _____ hears what you have to say.You know with the models and your
body and all that kind of thing.And so it after being so risking with the Lord
Then its the stance ~~And~~ now Lord ~~xxxxxx~~ as for me I'm with you. You're it.

Its like shaking hands with the mystery. After all it like putting your arm around
the mystery and saying well lets go on, And so I was looking at the 13th Psalm.

And he is asking the Lord, "How long O Lord wilt thou forget me forever?"

And you know we get kinda romantic about this. And the _____ in truth _____

How long wilt thy hide thy face from me? These are all questions. How long
must I suffer anguish in my soul? Grief in my heart day and night? That was
my prayer. That was my question. How long shall my enemy lord it over me.

And I convinced the enemy is Satan. _____ in whatever form. Now answer me, O

Lord my God. Give ~~xxxxxx~~ light to my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death.

Lest my adversaries say, I have overthrown him, and my enemies rejoice at my

downfallen. You can see in parathesis ~~xxxxxx~~ saying, "Now would you want that

to happen to me? And then, this is the best part. After he has done all this,

taking _____ to the Lord

cut down by a bowling ball or whatever, but he says,Now Lord you know that I am

This is the way that I always end my letters dear Lord, That for my part

My heart shall rejoice for thou has sent me free. I will sing, you can depend
on me Lord, I will sing (tape fades out)

finally the way it is that I'm without, I'm without not cynically
but just lovingly you can that way