

Chapter 1 : Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - Spreading the "Good News" in a broken world

Course description Given the ideologically divided, tension-filled, world in which we live, imagine hearing someone tell you how God can work through these divisions in a way that offers hope and healing for the world.

Have you ever witnessed the anger of the good shopkeeper, James Goodfellow, when his careless son has happened to break a pane of glass? If you have been present at such a scene, you will most assuredly bear witness to the fact that every one of the spectators, were there even thirty of them, by common consent apparently, offered the unfortunate owner this invariable consolation "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Everybody must live, and what would become of the glaziers if panes of glass were never broken? The glazier comes, performs his task, receives his six francs, rubs his hands, and, in his heart, blesses the careless child. All this is that which is seen. But if, on the other hand, you come to the conclusion, as is too often the case, that it is a good thing to break windows, that it causes money to circulate, and that the encouragement of industry in general will be the result of it, you will oblige me to call out, "Stop there! Your theory is confined to that which is seen; it takes no account of that which is not seen. It is not seen that if he had not had a window to replace, he would, perhaps, have replaced his old shoes, or added another book to his library. In short, he would have employed his six francs in some way, which this accident has prevented. Suppose it was discovered that the little boy was actually hired by the glazier, and paid a franc for every window he broke. Suddenly the same act would be regarded as theft: Yet the facts observed by the onlookers remain true: Bastiat argues that society endorses activities that are morally equivalent to the glazier hiring a boy to break windows for him: Whence we arrive at this unexpected conclusion: Chamans, who has calculated with so much precision how much trade would gain by the burning of Paris, from the number of houses it would be necessary to rebuild? In other words, Bastiat does not merely look at the immediate but at the longer effects of breaking the window. Moreover, Bastiat does not take into account only the consequences of breaking the window for one group but for all groups, for society as a whole. Please help improve this section or discuss this issue on the talk page. September The broken-window scenario is also used as an analogy for destruction by natural disasters. Countries are more likely to have GDP fall after a disaster if they have more unemployment, more poverty, less effective local and national governments and institutions, and weaker economic and diplomatic connections. Countries are more likely to have a GDP boost and recover quickly from a disaster if they retain a skilled workforce and the ability to mobilize resources for reconstruction, including resources from outside the disaster area. On the other hand, slow recovery has been blamed on predatory behaviour, with those unharmed or less-harmed by the disaster taking advantage of those more harmed. These tendencies could in theory lead to longer-term economic benefits which may cause GDP growth. Geological disasters, such as landslides and earthquakes, happen with little immediate warning and kill many people. Climate-related disasters, such as hurricanes, are more predictable on a scale of days to hours, and kill fewer people. Opportunity cost of war[edit] See also: The roofless buildings are houses. The corrugated metal in front of the pile of bricks and framing timber is the remains of several air-raid shelters. Occasionally the argument has been made that war is a benefactor to society and that "war is good for the economy. The money spent on the war effort, for example, is money that cannot be spent on food, clothing, health care, or other industries. The stimulus felt in one sector of the economy comes at a direct " but hidden " cost to other sectors. Bastiat himself argued against the claim that hiring men to be soldiers was inherently beneficial to the economy in the second chapter of *That Which is Seen, and That Which is Not Seen*, "The Disbanding of Troops". Plants and equipment cannot be replaced by an individual or a socialist government unless he or it has acquired or can acquire the savings, the capital accumulation, to make the replacement. But war destroys accumulated capital. Complications should not divert us from recognizing the basic truth that the wanton destruction of anything of real value is always a net loss, a misfortune, or a disaster, and whatever the offsetting considerations in a particular instance, can never be, on net balance, a boon or a blessing.

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However, the current President and administration are not the source but rather a symptom of this cultural shift, a change that will continue to progress long into the future. As those who are called to bear witness to truth, we must consider this impact beyond just the next few years. Whereas before dishonest politicians were criticized and looked down upon for not telling the truth, the onset of politicians and pundits who now unashamedly fabricate the truth and blatantly falsify statistics in full view of the public eye with virtually nothing and no one able to call them to account is new. Despite the overwhelming scientific evidence and statistical studies that run contrary to each of these claims and others not listed here, many continue to espouse these views because it feels right and resonates with a personal experience that has otherwise gone unexplained or not explained to their liking. First and foremost, Christians must be champions of truth in every regard. When we are duped by conspiracy theories, fake news, unscientific reports, and the like, when we brush aside the testimonies of MeToo and ChurchToo to protect religious leaders we have long admired and hold dear, when we claim that racial injustice ended long ago and care more about respecting a flag and a song than we do the ideals for which they stand and the people they represent, we compromise our witness in the world. We might rephrase Martin Luther King Jr. A disregard for truth anywhere is a threat to truth everywhere. Indeed, the proof is in the name. Yes, it gave the world previously inconceivable medical miracles, never-before-seen scientific progress, and some of the greatest thinkers the world has ever seen; but, it also brought chattel slavery, two world wars, and the atomic bomb. Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done? If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belong to the truth listens to my voice. The realities of modern rational thought are a mere shadow of the Logos-Made-Flesh. It is a truth which, though never contrary to fact, can be made known in the hearts of women and men by revelation alone and cannot be contained or conveyed entirely by human thought; neither can it be deconstructed or devalued by the postmodern critique. It is not a mere set of ideals or a philosophy or a definition which can be debunked or tossed aside and it is not reason but revelation. The Foolishness of God The reality of a post-truth society presents a great opportunity for the church. It is good news for the Good News because it points to a world aching for solid ground upon which to stand on and firm knowledge to lean on. In a society which, try as some may, will not return to a modern or Enlightenment sense of understanding of fact and truth, a way is opened afresh for the experience and encounter of the Way, the Truth, and the Life to be discovered within the hearts and minds of women and men. As we forge ahead, we must always be defenders of truth wherever it is made known and especially where it is challenged or obscured. This fight must continue and we must demand honesty and transparency from those in power, both within and without the church, we must listen to and believe the testimonies of victims, and we must do so with an unwavering endurance. But we preach Christ crucified:

Chapter 3 : Grow! – An Online Courses Platform

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We all require joy, hope and optimism. In these darker times, take heart that people care, that kindnesses, innovation and generosity are happening all over the world. Our souls require it to rehabilitate. Despite the mass infusion of tragedy playing on every media, instances of generosity, heroism, hope, happiness, joy and love abound. Be sure to keep your faith in people alive. After a full immersion into soul-gladdening stories, the laughter, tears, smiles and elation have overcome any doubt within me that our world is nothing less than a miracle. All the feels straight ahead. A Nigerian boy solves a year math equation, is recognized by a Japanese university. Monsanto will close three of its facilities. We are making a difference! A woman broken down on the highway meets an angel. This little boy giving his sister bone marrow, even though he believed it would kill him. A city letting people pay parking fines with canned goods for the hungry. The year old grandson taking his grandma to prom, and other feel-goods. The janitor and cook who turned from workers to volunteers of a center after it closed, to take care of the elderly. Swipe right for peace – a dating app for conflict resolution. A man with an intestinal tumor offering unconditional love through Craigslist ads, and sparking a chain of love. The cost for me to use this machine for the next month? The white woman standing her ground, defending an elderly black man. This morality Christmas ad with the joyful twist, which will make your eyelids sweaty. Nineteen of the very best uplifting photos of the day. WWGSA and these moving words from transplanted international students discovering the love for their American host families: Warning, the tears will flow. The reaction of a dog rescued by a firefighter. The worst flood in India in years brings Twitter to the rescue. Washington High School students afforded discretion as their food and hygiene needs are met. This dedication to eradicating a killer disease. An inspiring couple recreating their wedding photo 70 years later. A secret decoration mission that helped this widow rediscover her holiday spirit. The donation of a van to the man who had been biking 14 miles to work every day for five years. This father and daughter who only have eyes for each other. The unique way Japan is saving turtles from trains. This cafe, staffed solely by people with special needs. This barber rewarding kids earning good grades with free haircuts for life. These stories of heroism in the midst of the Paris terror attack. Young champions, inventors and entrepreneurs who are dedicated to preserving our oceans. The time a police officer bought a little girl a new bike, after hers was stolen. A compilation of 27 aw-worthy videos, including a grateful lion. A Santa surprise by a soldier son. This Santa who got up close and personal with an autistic child. A little girl who has received a multi-organ transplant from another youngster, and their moms who are forever bonded.

Chapter 4 : "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"

Good News for a Fractured Society: Matthew Speaks to Divisions of Power, Wealth, Gender, and Religious Pluralism, by Stephen McCutchan. Bloomington, Ind.: AuthorHouse, ISBN Pb., pp. \$ What topic would be good for an adult class of mature Christians? How about a Bible.

We may spend our lives trying to fix what is not broken. Too often, when something is broken, we spend all our time trying to figure out why it is broken. We have a natural curiosity to know the "Why? We ask questions like, "If God is an all good God, why is our world broken? If we are not careful, contemplating "Why? Spending all our time philosophizing about why our world is broken does little to mend our broken lives. The beauty of the Bible is that God teaches us how to get on with a broken life. God teaches us how to turn our defeat into victory through divine healing. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Jesus came to heal our broken lives. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. In John chapter 9, we find a man born blind. The religious folks were contemplating why he was born blind. Was it his sins or his parents sins that caused him to be born blind? Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. God desperately wants to work his work in each of our lives even if we believe it is too late. Samson found healing at the end of a wasted life. What Causes A Broken Life? Brokenness occurs when we try to live life on our terms and come up empty. The Bible is full of examples of broken lives. They are broken because they tried to follow God while they lived their lives according to their own plans. Abraham was called by God, yet, he tried to live life on his own terms for the next forty years. He had his own survival plan all worked out. Notice what Abraham told Abimelech after lying about Sarah being his sister. Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother. During all his wandering, he was trusting in his own plan for safety. He lied about Sarah being his wife on at least two occasions. God finally gave Abraham a son and then asked him to sacrifice. Shattered dreams and broken lives empower us to see what is wrong with our lives as we gain new insight into ourselves. It is when our plans fail and our dreams are shattered that we begin to see what is not right with our lives. It is then, we are convicted of our own sinful stubborn self-willed lives. It is then, we realize our insensitivity to God. He knew he was the one God had chosen to keep the dream alive. He was constantly reminded of this by his mother. So Jacob set out to make it happen. To make it happen, he cheated his twin brother Esau out of his birthright. He ended up fleeing for his life with nothing but the clothes on his back and a stone for a pillow. It was in his brokenness that God appeared to him and reaffirmed the promise to Abraham to him. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. He spent over twenty years of his life cheating and being cheated. Again he was forced to flee for his life, only to find himself coming face to face with the problems he had fled over twenty years prior. Finally, he had to face his brother whom he had cheated out of his birthright. It was there at Peniel that Jacob had his last wrestling match with God and won. It was there at the end of the road that Jacob realized that all

his plans were hopeless without the blessings of God. He refused to relinquish his grip on God until God blessed him. Attitude is Important As we deal with our brokenness, attitude is all important. Self-esteem is an attitude toward self. Love is our attitude toward others. Faith is your attitude toward God. Hope is your attitude toward the future. Forgiveness is your attitude toward the past. Everything revolves around attitude. Attitude is our most valuable asset when our dreams are shattered and lives are broken. Attitude determines whether we become bitter or better. If we fail to respond properly in times of brokenness our emotional wounds will fester and the hurt will multiply. If we repress the pain it will resurface through anger, guilt or misbehavior. The wonderful thing about all this is that attitude is a choice made by each of us. We have the God-given ability to choose our response. We have the ability to make a choice for the greatest outcome. It is the attitude we choose toward life and in times of shattered dreams that create our greatest possibilities. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. NIV Adversity test our attitudes toward life and God. If we choose anger and avoid personal responsibility our wounds will not heal. We may lick our wounds and hide them from others, but our wounds will not heal until we make the proper spiritual response to God. The most difficult thing to understand is why pain, problems and suffering are a part of life. Whatever the reason for pain and suffering, remember that God can use it for our greatest good. This is the major way God demonstrates his ultimate power over sin. He can use it to our good and his glory. Most personal growth takes place in times of affliction. Some lessons can only be learned by loss. During adverse times our difficulties introduce us to ourselves. Adversity provides the pop quizzes of life to show what we are made of. A proper attitude will allow God to enter our shattered world to begin the process rebuilding and restoring our lives. Recognizing Our Brokenness Confession is an important part of recognizing our brokenness. On Pentecost the Jews "were cut to the heart" as they recognized their brokenness. They cried out, "what shall we do. Failing to claim responsibility for our broken lives only brings misery. But until we recognize our sin as part of the dilemma, our misery will continue. Sometimes we make apologies sound like justification rather than confession. We may say, "That person brings out the worst in me! As long as we blame others we remain the same.

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The good news is that human knowledge is advancing at a faster rate than ever before. The bad news is that, given the pace of change, we might not always proceed in ways that are best for people. If our progress outpaces our values, we risk hurtling forward without a map and finding ourselves at a precipice where we have made unprecedented strides, but have lost sight of our humanity. And this is happening at a time when our world is increasingly fractured and ill-equipped to absorb such rapid change – when the ties that bind us together, economically and socially, are fraying. As we make our way toward an unknown future, culture has a crucial role to play in our survival. As humans, we naturally need food, water and shelter to survive. But equally important is understanding. To survive, we need to understand our environment, each other and ourselves. We invented culture to meet this need: They give us a foundation for trust. Everything was, quite literally, foreign. Wonder Bread replaced baguettes. There was baseball and hot dogs. Even the sky was different, diminished by the height of skyscrapers. It was at once a confusing and exhilarating experience, and it took decades, and the generosity of many people, before I could feel at home. It was a journey I made with the help of music. Today, I feel at home in the world. The truth is that politics, whose currency is power, and economics, whose currency is money, only get us so far. We also need culture, whose currency is trust. And the complexity of this moment demands that we approach our global challenges with a more comprehensive lens, in which politics, economics and culture work in concert. It is encouraging to see artists more and more present in places like Davos, not merely as entertainment, but as meaningful contributors to the conversation. But this is just the beginning. We must engage the full spectrum of human understanding, and every one of us needs to participate in strengthening our cultural resources, all the time – to generate trust and understanding by pursuing basic scientific research, playing music together, or simply looking at the stars. We need to put culture first, because it is the only way to make sure that the decisions we make as a global society are actually good for humanity. It is no exaggeration to say that our survival depends on it. My grandson will inherit a world filled with problems that are more complex than we could have imagined. And yet he will also have the scientific knowledge, the entrepreneurial spirit and the technological advances to meet them. The question is, how will his generation not only find a way to cope, but find a way to hope? How will they seek happiness and fulfilment? Just as it always has, culture gives us purpose and meaning – it grounds and stabilizes us through change. It also teaches us to imagine life beyond ourselves while enabling each of us to be part of a larger story. Most of all, it allows us to live our lives with love instead of fear, with understanding instead of division, with empathy instead of apathy. And this has never been more important. Technology has given us the power to determine the future of our society, our planet. Now, we must use this power for good, to build a united global community that is connected and invested in each other, and that works for the progress of all humanity. Let us choose the next step of our evolution together.

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Humpback whales are better known for being an endangered species than for being animals. By 1966, our incessant harpooning had left about 5, in the entire world. Guess how many there are today: It turns out those "hey, everyone, cool it with the killing" laws actually work. In 1996, only nesting pairs were left in the wild, as a result of contamination of their food supply, habitat loss, and general human douchebaggery. By the 2000s, the American gray wolf had almost disappeared entirely. Another heart-warming success story is that of the giant panda. While there were as few as 1, in the wild in the 1970s, that number has nearly doubled thanks to the efforts of the Chinese government. In the year alone, it was responsible for the deaths of 100,000 people, mostly children. But, whelp, what are you gonna do? You fight the hell back, is what you do, and what we have been doing. By 2010, those deaths had dropped to 10, -- we sliced this bastard in half in only 15 years. Perhaps most impressively, the drop happened across all regions: The whole world has united in one voice to say: Now that we know the actual science behind the disease, we can work to stop it in a variety of ways, from boosting health systems in vulnerable areas to simple bednets. British Library Actual butt-faced demons remain untreatable, though. As a result, an increasing number of countries are on the verge of eliminating malaria entirely. In 2015, thirteen countries had zero reported cases of the disease, with six reporting fewer than 10 cases. One of the biggest success stories is that of Sri Lanka, a country that might as well have renamed itself "MalariaLand" during the mid-20th century. Fast forward to modern day, and Sri Lanka has been officially declared malaria free by the World Health Organization. Homophobia is so deeply ingrained that we still get waves of vicious pushback on issues like gay marriage. Some kind of evolutionary flip-switch designed to combat overpopulation? Have the kids been brainwashed by the gay agenda from Hollywood? Has someone been gaying up the water supply? More people are willing to be open about their orientation because there is much less social stigma. Society has slowly but surely become more open and tolerant when it comes to sexuality, enabling more people to feel comfortable about expressing themselves when in the past they may have just hidden it potentially even from themselves. Continue Reading Below Advertisement So, in reality, there are no more LGBT people than there used to be, just more people who feel able to be honest about it. Which is great news if you happen to think "preventing human misery" should be a priority in civilized society. During the 20th century aka, 0.

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The values needed to repair our broken society and build a strong society are values that should be taught in the home, in the family. I want a mandate for restoring responsibility to our society, to call time on the twisted values that have eaten away at our social fabric" (excerpts from text of East Glasgow speech, emphasis added).

Chapter 9 : Healing Good News for Parkinson Disease

The Good News: The past 25 years have seen a significant and continuing drop in violent crimes perpetrated at schools. Not only are schools safer than they've ever been, but researchers argue that, statistically, schools are now the safest place for kids, period.