

50 Days of *Easter*

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CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

He is RISEN...
and we are
Alive!
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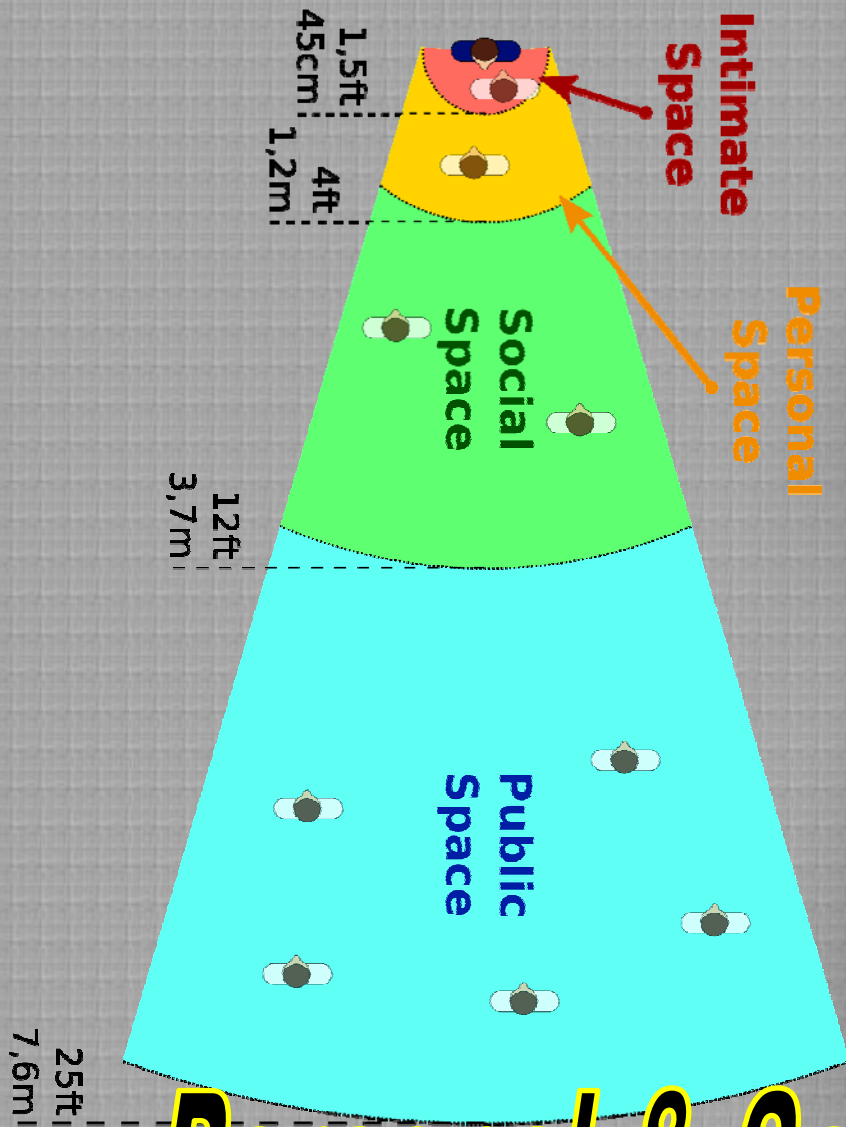
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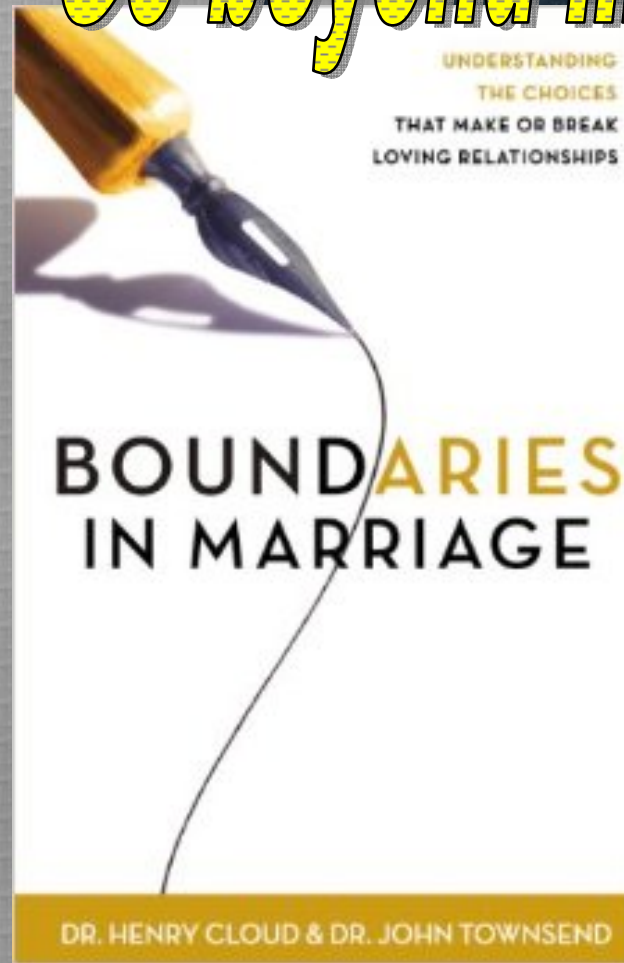
Apr. 3. Beyond Our Disbelief
Apr. 10, Beyond Our Own Boundary
Apr. 17, Beyond Our Dependence on Resources
Apr. 24, Beyond Our Personal Preferences
May 1, Beyond Our Racial Heritage
May 8, Beyond Our Family Ties
May 15: **Pentecost**, Beyond Our Faith Tradition

To Infinity and Beyond
Easteride Sermon Series

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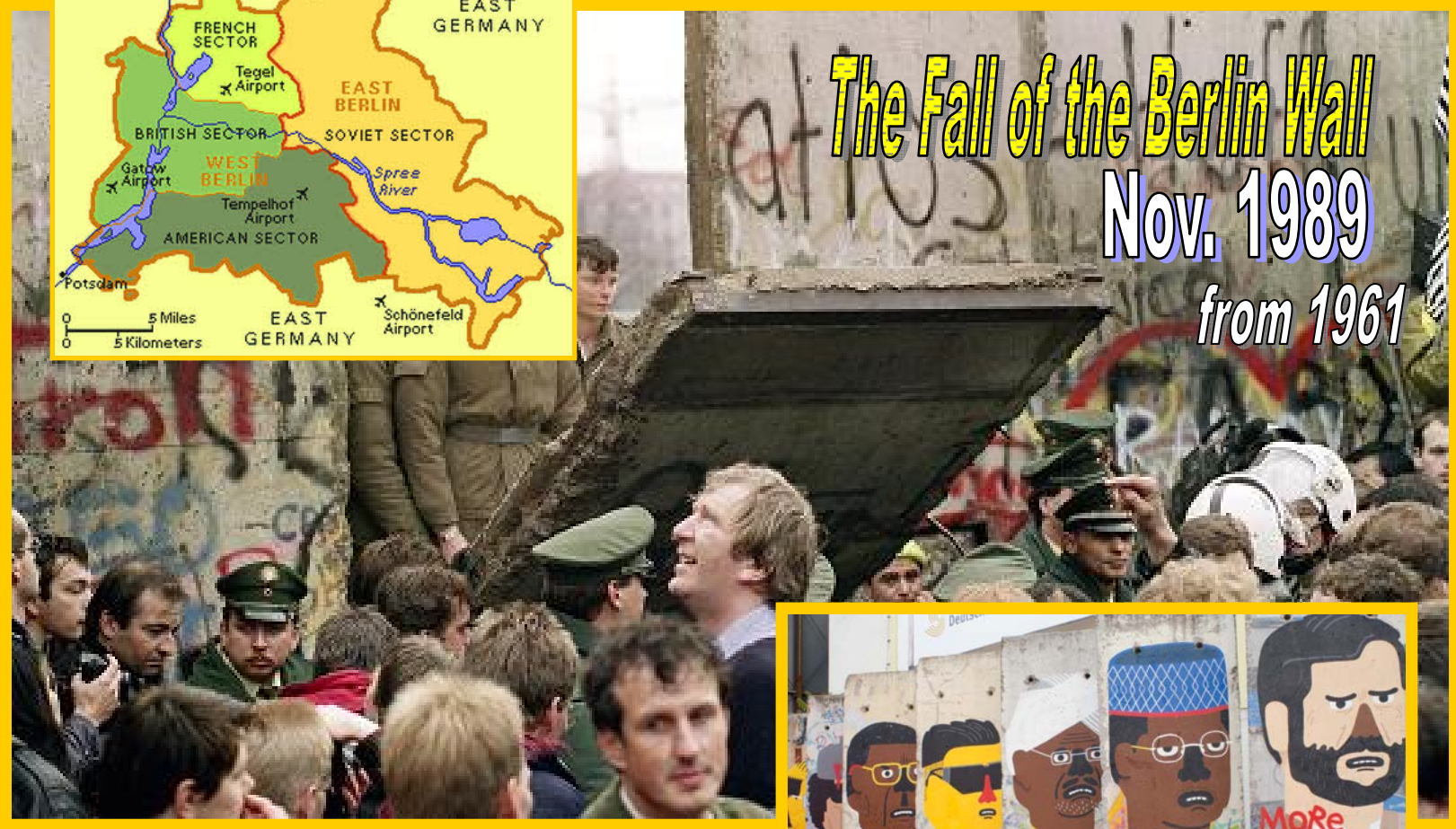
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Personal & Social Boundaries

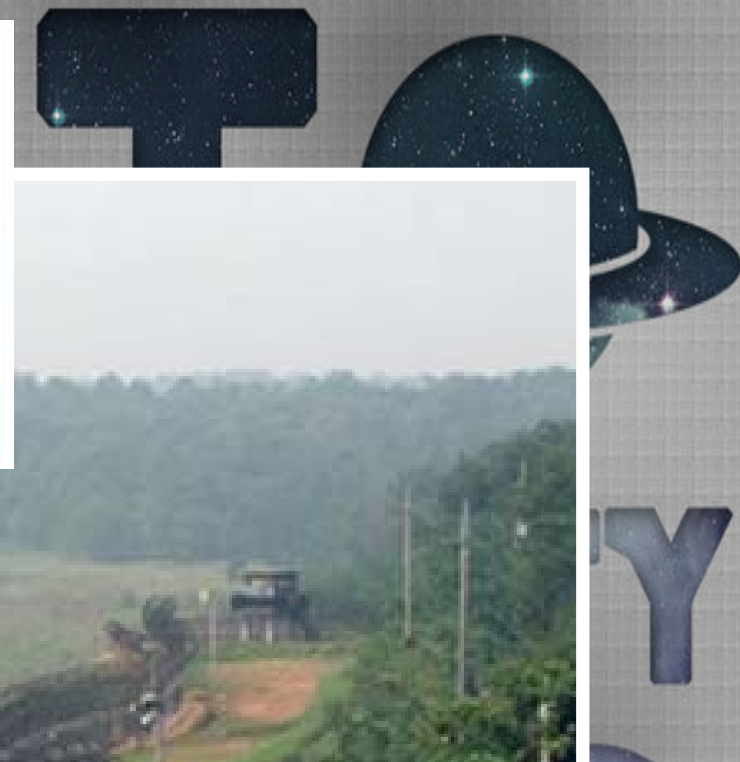


The Fall of the Berlin Wall Nov. 1989 from 1961



Political Boundaries...

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Peter's Vision in Joppa

Acts 10



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When Peter met Cornelius...

Acts 10



1. Peter: “I have never eaten anything
impure or unclean.”



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1. Peter: *"I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."*



The PHARISEES were the most influential of all the Jewish religious sects of Jesus' day. The word "Pharisee" literally means "the SEPARATED ones, SEPARATISTS", which sums up the basic nature of their beliefs.

They were the strictest LEGALISTS of the day, who pledged themselves to obey and observe ALL the countless restrictive rules, traditions and ceremonial laws of orthodox Judaism. They considered themselves to be the only true followers of God's Laws, and therefore felt that they were much better and holier than anyone else.

Thus they separated themselves not only from the non-Jews--whom they absolutely despised and considered pagan "Gentile dogs"--but they even set themselves above and apart from their own Jewish brethren.

Overcoming "Jewish Christian Norms"

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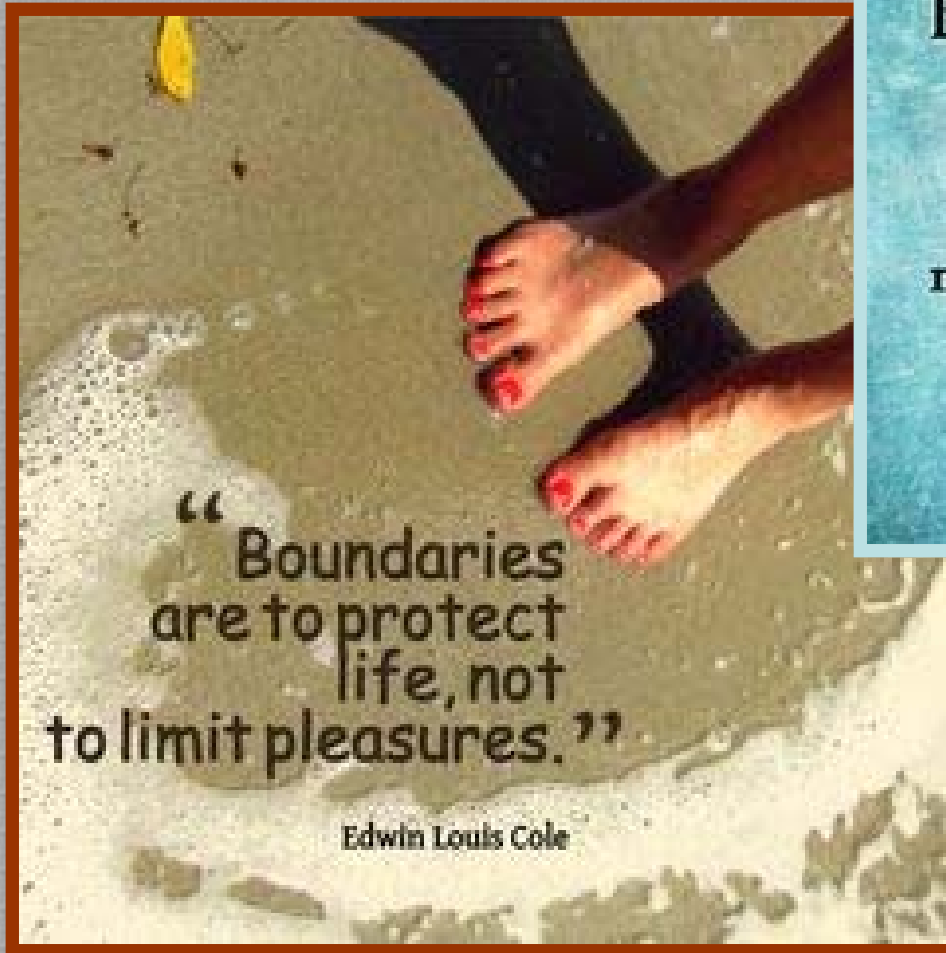
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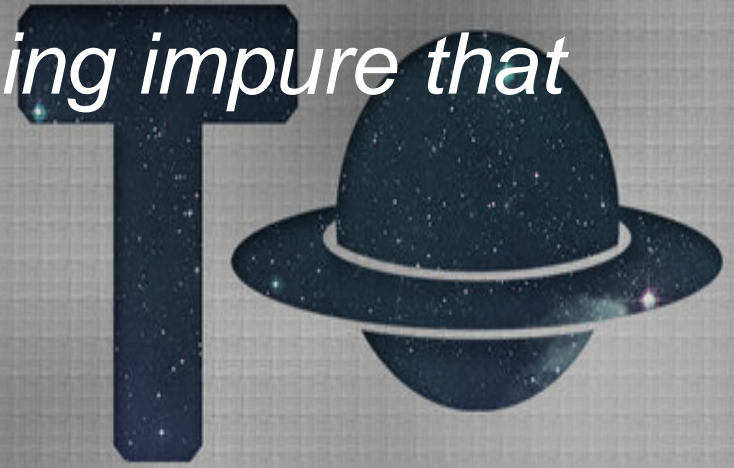
are a part of self-care.

They are healthy,
normal, and necessary.

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2. Lord: "Do not call anything impure that
God has made clean."



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*It is not the healthy who
need a doctor, but the sick.
I have not come to call
the righteous, but sinners
to repentance.*

Luke 5:31-32

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2. Lord: *“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”*

The greatest and the first commandment

Jesus said,
"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

The second is, You shall love your neighbor
yourself.

Gospel MT 22:34-40

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2. Lord: “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

Acts 10:17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.

Ministry Initiative: Accommodation
Radical Hospitality



The quality of the experience will be remembered long after the price has been forgotten.

2. Lord: "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

Number of Native American members
of The United Methodist Church

21,365



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Number of annual conferences with more than 100
Native American members

A photograph of a man in a purple shirt standing next to a sign for Native American Ministry Sunday. The sign features a gold seal that says "NURTURE. ADVOCATE. GIVE." and a quote from 2 Corinthians 8:5b: "They had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives." Below the quote, it says "Educating Native American seminarians, planting Native American churches and cultivating Native American outreach."/>

**NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRY SUNDAY**

**NURTURE.
ADVOCATE.
GIVE.**

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—2 Corinthians 8:5b. The Message

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and cultivating Native American outreach.

"A family trip to Desert Southwest." 2014

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Acts 10:16 This happened *three times*, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

John 21:17 Jesus asked him *the third time*, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "*Feed my sheep.*"



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"...gotta be intentional..."

3. *The Spirit: “Do not hesitate to go with those who are sent.”*

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Peter & Cornelius

Preachers & Teachers!

Christians & Muslims

Children & Parents

Professors & Students

Husbands & Wives

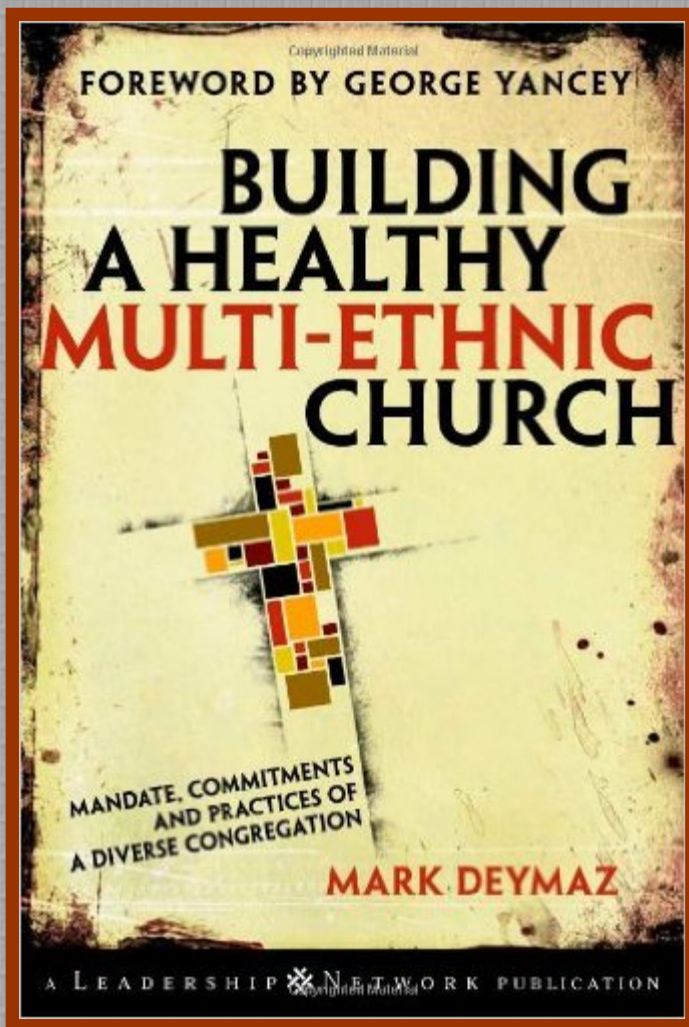
Clergy & Laity

The Young & the Old

The rich & the poor

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3. *The Spirit: “Do not hesitate to go with those who are sent.”*



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