

Peace Starts With Me and the First Blessing

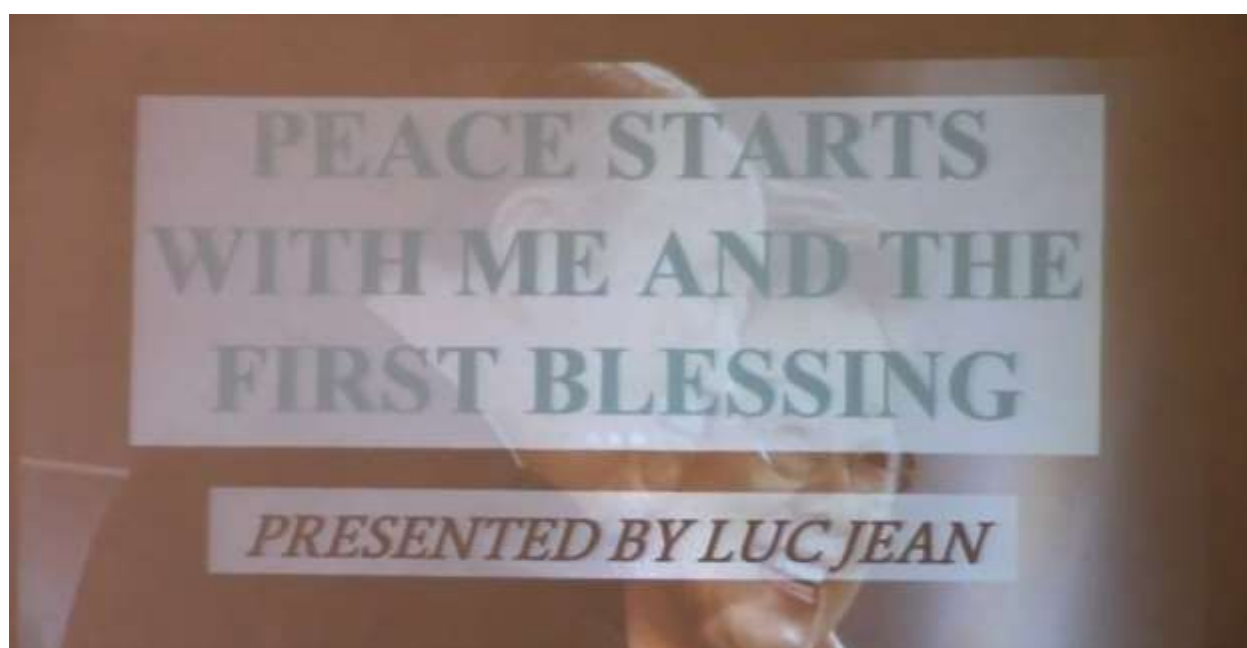
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Sermon: PSWM + 1st Blessing - Notes

Introduction:

- EPIC DP competition - didn't do as well as I wanted to
- I'm her now!
- Introduce myself
- Catherine Ono originally asked me to give a DP lecture after my EPIC testimony
- I thought - how can I apply DP to current events
- Recently - PSWM rally
- PSWM - you being peaceful, but much more than that
- PSWM - begins with 1st Blessing
- Topic: PSWM + 1st Blessing



What Is 1st Blessing:

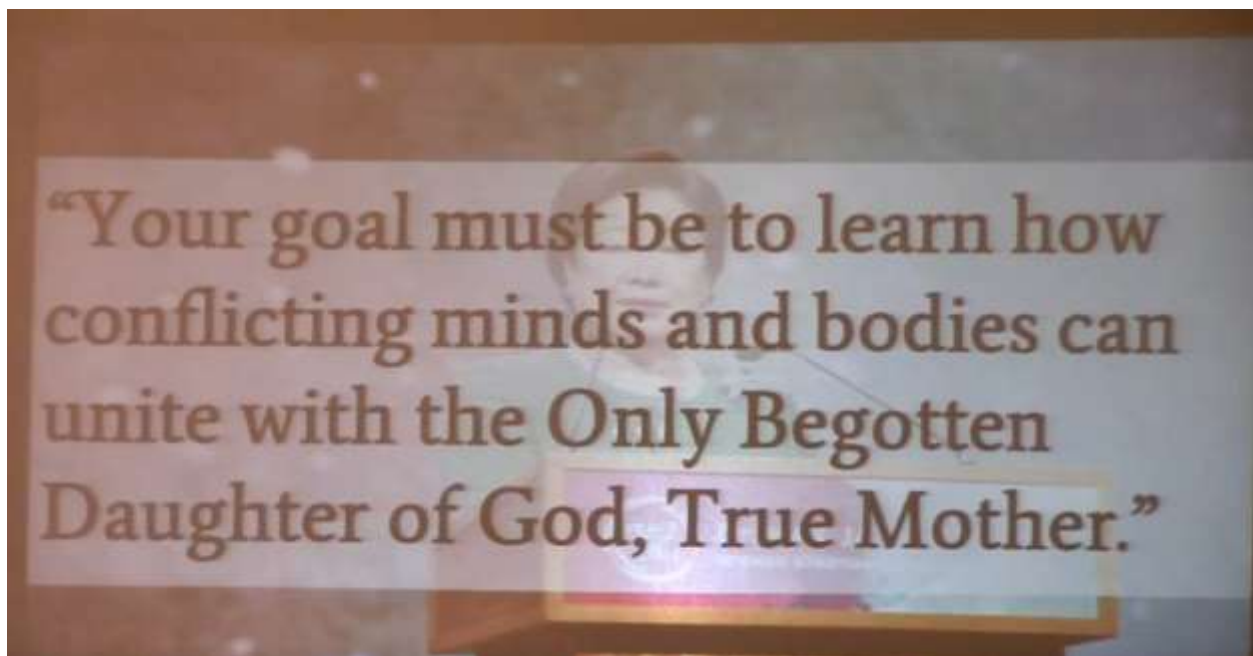
- Read quote
- 1st Blessing - perfection of character

- Pull up diagram
- M+B unity - center is God
- TPs talk about this a lot - so key
- God at center = goodness is center bc God is good, right?
- MS priest example - God is good all the time + vise versa
- So true!
- Center is God = center is goodness
- Fulfilling 1st blessing = good people who return joy to God
- Ofc - it's a process, it takes time
- But it's important to begin there
- 1st Blessing: perfection(but since it's a process, growth) of character through M+B unity centered on goodness to return joy



What Is PSWM:

- Read quote
- Unlike 1st Blessing - TM doesn't give clear definition like in DP
- In quote - talks about M+B unity
- What is that? 1st Blessing!
- Ofc, PSWM is more than just perfection + growth of character
- PSWM - spreading peace beginning with yourself
- TM - talks about starting from state of nothingness, or the zero point
- What does this mean?
- Read 2nd quote
- M+B unity is a GOAL - it takes TIME!
- But where does it start? Yourself!
- In regards to peace - fully centered on God and goodness - peace brought about beginning with fam and then community
- Remember - everything is in stages - TP talked about this a lot
- That's why as families - called to be TribMess
- But you can't go out and witness bless, etc, when you aren't that example
- People need to see the DP working with you
- Obviously, we are not perfect, but that's why the growth of character is a process and why we begin with that
- Anyway, in case of youth, its not different
- We are supposed to make peace in our schools, friends, church, etc
- In other words, spreading peace means having a positive impact around you



Outside World Example:

- To show PSWM, let's take Star Wars Episode 8
- Throughout - Poe(main character) - struggles with leadership
- Show 1st clip
- In clip - Leia tells Poe how he wasn't a leader
- Got many killed
- Resistance grew weaker
- Heroes, no leaders
- If we are teaching DP, blessing, etc., but we ourselves are not an example of this, people will question the power of DP, blessing, etc.
- Obviously, like already said, no ones perfect
- But to not work on ourselves at all = failure!
- Throughout movie, resistance gets even weaker
- Eventually - cornered with no escape
- Luke throughout movie - trying to get past his failure with his Jedi
- Play 2nd clip
- Luke - sacrifices himself to save resistance
- Finn - wants to rush and help
- Poe says wait
- He realize Luke was sacrificing himself
- Similar to Jesus, huh?
- Remember when Jesus told Peter "Get behind me Satan, you are a hindrance to me"?
- If Peter or anyone interfered, there'd be nothing left to salvage from providence and Satan would have won
- Poe in this moment became that leader
- And LEAD BY EXAMPLE by telling Finn to wait
- He grew himself
- His leadership began with himself
- Likewise - we need to be examples and show people how impactful DP, blessing, etc is to grow the movement

My Testimony:

- This isn't easy ofc
- TM - called leaders to drop everything for 3 day retreat to unite with her
- Anyway - I have example where I did and didn't do this
- Explain 1st story and why I didn't think me running would matter
- I didn't have my center
- Explain 2nd story and how I got closer to God so he/she was my center

- I had to let go of my reservations about starting RAD = starting from nothingness
- Your center is so important - it must be God!
- Even if its “goodness” if that goodness isn’t God - it could be bad
- Look at several examples today
- The unlimited gender movement - “good” - but not God, contrary to Principle of Creation!



Conclusion:

- To recap- PSWM: uniting M+B centered on God and goodness through the 1st blessing in order to start from a state of nothingness and make a positive impact, thereby promoting peace
- DP applies to everything!
- Thx for listening
- Thx to Catherine Ono for inviting me to speak
- Plz join in prayer (tbd on what)