

Chapter Five Air of a Richer Kind
An “Opener” for Bible Jam
October 25, 2022
10:30 AM – Vestry; 7:15 PM – Online Only

1. “Who really wants to be a gangster? In the end, nobody” (101)
2. “...undergirding mental health issues have wrapped their tentacles around [the] ability to operate in the working world. He self-medicates...” (101)
3. P. 102 ¶3: “He calmy texted me one day...” How hard it can be to help someone so afflicted... Next ¶: “And you catch yourself, not wanting to get separated from your kindness..”
4. “At Homeboy, we try to maintain a high comfort level with homie resistance, the projecting of hostile intent, and a whole world of defense strategies. We are all adept at reading the “Do Not Enter” sign around some homies’ hearts. As my brother Jesuit and spiritual guru at Homeboy, Mark Torres, says, ‘If you’re in pain, you point.’ Understanding this is a way one speaks the whole language.” (102)
5. “At Homeboy, we don’t check boxes, we check pulses.” (103)
6. Jesuit activist Daniel Berrigan said that, “the great revolutionary virtue is endurance.” (103)
7. “I’ve been through too much not to smile and laugh.” (103)
8. “Everyone loves pizza.” (104)
9. “He begins to forget himself on purpose., This is the wisdom of one who has finally learned to be on good terms with his life.” (104)
10. “The ‘margin of error’ for homies comes dramatically in the form of intense trauma thrown their way. It is a degree of difficulty placed in their path. All brokenness gets intensified and eventual gang involvement ensured.” (105)
11. [External information about the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) can be found here on the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/fastfact.html>]
12. “I am 0 on the [ACE] test...This does not make me morally superior to the men and women who walk through our doors...” (105)
13. Story about Saul (106 ff.): “I’m living my purpose...”. [...] “I’ve decided to grow up to be somebody I always needed as a child.” [...] “...a few breaths away...”

14. The Gerasene demoniac and Lil Casper. (107 ff.) & Max (108)
15. "Timothy, a Black gang member...I've never been loved by parents. I don't know what it is like to be loved or to love someone else. I don't open up to people. I'm afraid I'd be too ashamed if I told anyone how I grew up." (108)
16. "We've mistaken moral outrage for moral compass..." (p. 108 ff.)
17. "Grizzly" - Welding! (108)
18. "None of us are well until all of us are well." (111)
19. "Create the place, the culture that repairs attachment and reconnects severed belonging, then you have a place of strength, a nerve center of hope." (112)
20. "I expected you to do my funeral, and now...you're doing my wedding." (Keith 113)
21. Paul Tillich: "to accept the fact that we have all been accepted)
22. "In his last talk [Hoang]...said, "The only other place like Homeboy...is heaven. I see the flowers bloom there. I arrived as a caterpillar and I wrapped myself in the cocoon of all their services, and now I'm a butterfly. In fact, I flew here this morning." (115)
23. [Rayshawn] "I've decided that I want to be a try-er from now on." (116)
24. A parable of sorts, Theologian John S. Donne: "...floating on fresh water..." (117)
25. "Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes permanent."(119)
26. "Jesus calls us to be peacemakers" (119)
27. God who doesn't care about texting (121)
28. "Heal the wounds. Warm the hearts." Pope Francis. (122)
29. "If you don't deal with your pain, you're in a car without brakes. Eventually you'll crash." (124)

Parable Reading for 10/25/2022

^{5:1} One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. ² He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets."

⁶ Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. ⁷ They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank.

⁸ After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." ⁹ For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, ¹⁰ as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you'll fish among humankind." ¹¹ And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.