

“The essence of messy spirituality is the refusal to pretend, to lie, or to allow others to believe we are something we are not.”

“What landed Jesus on the cross was the preposterous idea that common, ordinary, broken, screwed-up people *could be Godly!* What drove Jesus’ enemies crazy were his criticisms of the “perfect” religious people and his acceptance of the imperfect nonreligious people. The shocking implication of Jesus’ ministry is that *anyone* can be spiritual.”

- Mike Yaconelli, Messy Spirituality

At the end of the day... this whole message is really about _____.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

What A Mess We’re In.

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“If you eat that fruit you will _____ .”

These are words that lead us to the mess
that we all find ourselves in!

Here is the truth:

_____!

God came into the world and put on _____.

***“For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ...”***

Colossians 1:19

The Incarnation is the very turning point between

_____ & _____.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. (by grace you have been saved)

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

²⁰ You intended to harm me, _____ intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Psalms 73:25-26 (NKJV)

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.
²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail; _____ is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (NIV)

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ _____ chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.
_____ demonstrates his own love for us in this:
_____ we were _____, Christ _____ for us.

Notes: What is your “But God...”?