

Love Is The Way
by
Bishop Michael Curry
When the Spirit Reworks You

OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion: A review

Assign spokesperson/note taker at beginning of breakout session

Ensure all participants have a chance to speak (if they want to speak)

Be respectful in considering and giving feedback to new or different views

When possible, a team member may be present in each breakout room to provide support

Question of the morning:

What if love reveals me to be a
hypocrite?

[Bishop Michael Curry: "The way of love is not easy." - YouTube](#)

*“the
evolution of
long-held
beliefs can be
a spiritual
earthquake”*

1970's-Episcopal Church
General Convention confirms
the human dignity of the
LGBT community

1996-President Clinton signs
the Defense of Marriage Act
(DOMA)

2000-Curry becomes the first
black Southern diocesan
bishop

Breakout 1

Where did this story hit you in the “feels”? (emotional responses)

When have you struggled with a long-held belief and felt God calling you to let go of it? How did you see the need to change?

What spiritual practices were strong enough to change Bishop Curry’s heart and mind along the way?

[St. James: Reflection Guide](#)

[Episcopal Diocese of Georgia: Discussion Guide](#)

Learning how to receive anger and not give it back in return

**a spiritual discipline of receiving and letting go, receiving and letting go,
receiving then letting go**

2003-the diocese of New Hampshire elected Rev. Gene Robinson, an openly gay man living with his partner, as its new bishop.

2004-Curry gave permission to NC clergy to bless the unions of gay and lesbian Christians. (In 2014, same sex marriages became legal in NC)

Bishop Curry writes about the “dance of nonviolent change” in the church, country, and world. He describes this dance as learning to stand and kneel at the same time. Stand in your own conviction. And kneel before another’s anger.

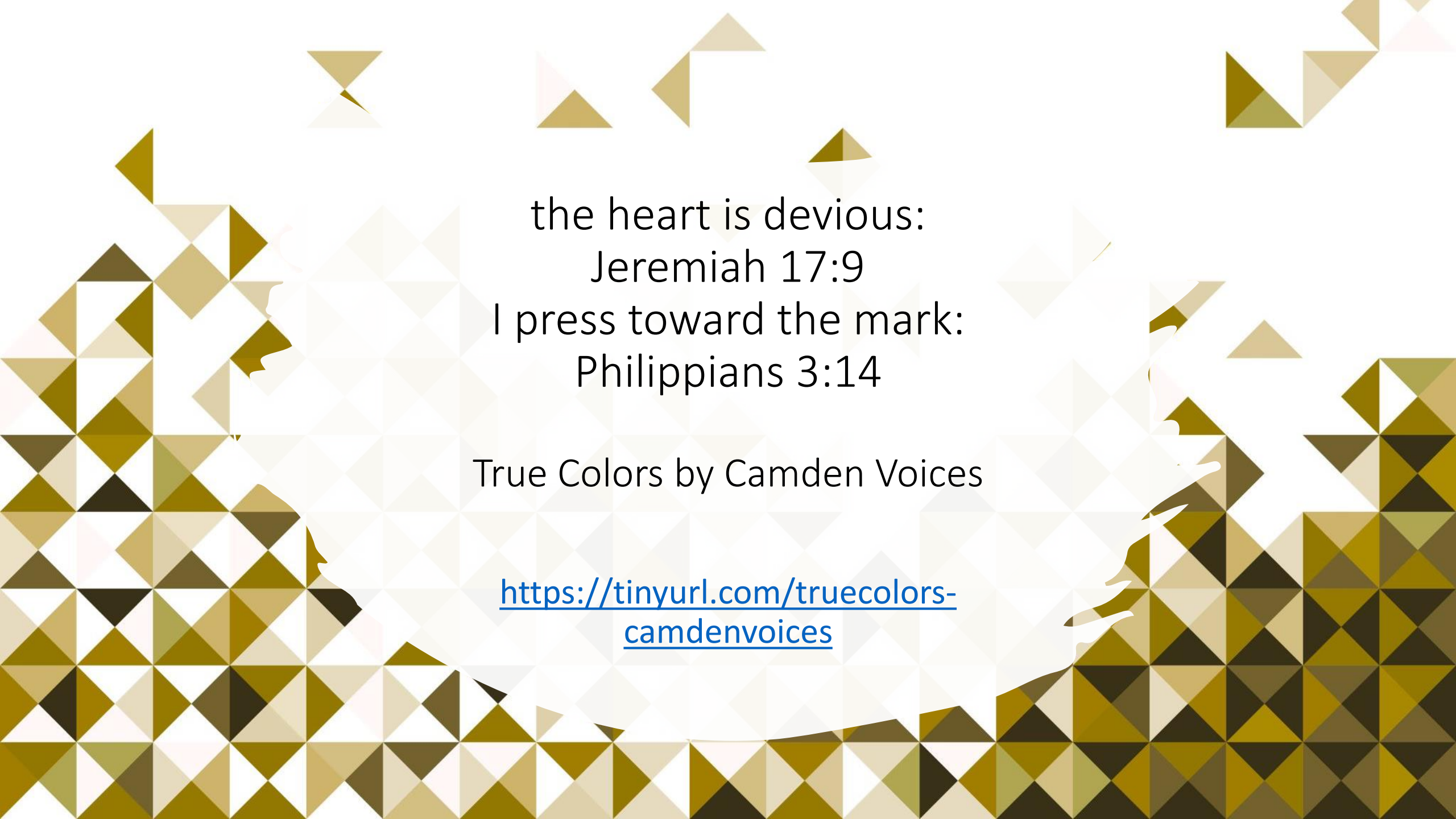
Breakout 2

How is the “dance of nonviolent change” different from “becoming a doormat”?

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Have you experienced someone making space for you to honestly and respectfully hold a different opinion? What makes this difficult in practice?

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the heart is devious:
Jeremiah 17:9
I press toward the mark:
Philippians 3:14

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