



Embracing Holy Indifference: A Readers' Theater in 6 Voices

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#); [Mark 7:31-37](#); [Genesis 12:1-9](#); [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Confessor: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus.

I give thanks for you.

I remember you in my prayers.

Narrator: They brought to Jesus a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

Voice 1: They begged him.

Voice 2: Lay your hands on him.

Confessor: I have heard of your faith.

Voice 4: I give thanks for you.

Voice 3: I remember you in my prayers.

Narrator: Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation. You will be a blessing...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Voice 1: Go

Voice 2: I will show you the land

Voice 3: A great nation

Voice 4: A blessing

Confessor: I have heard of your faith.

I give thanks for you.

I remember you.

Voice 4: The Lord said, "Go."

Voice 1: Go!

Voice 2: Go!

Confessor: I have heard of your faith.

Narrator: Two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all ... that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them.

Voice 4: Jesus came near



Voice 2: Came near

Voice 1: Jesus went with

Voice 3: Went with

Narrator: but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Confessor: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

Narrator: Jesus took the man who could not hear or speak aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Voice 1: Away from the crowd

Voice 2: Jesus touched his ears

Voice 3: Jesus touched his tongue

Voice 4: Away from the crowd

Confessor: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus.

I give thanks for you.

I remember you in my prayers.

Narrator: Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.'

Voice 2: Ephphatha

Voice 4: Be Opened!

Voice 1: Ephphatha

Voice 3: Be Opened!

Confessor: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation ... so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Voice 2: Wisdom

Voice 1: Revelation

Voice 4: Enlightened

Voice 3: Hope

Narrator: So Abram went, as the Lord had told him;

Voice 1: the Lord told him -



Voice 4: Abram went

Confessor: I give thanks for you. I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation ... so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Narrator: And Jesus said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?'

Voice 1: They stood still, looking sad.

Voice 2: Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

Voice 3: Jesus asked them, 'What things?'

Voice 4: They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

Confessor: But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Voice 3: We had hoped.

Voice 2: We had hoped.

Voice 1: We had hoped.

Voice 4: We had hoped.

Confessor: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation ... so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Narrator: And immediately the ears of the man who could not hear were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Voice 1: Immediately

Voice 4: Opened

Voice 3: Released

Voice 2: He spoke.

Confessor: with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.



Narrator: Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

Voice 4: They set forth

Voice 1: To go to Canaan.

Confessor: I give thanks for you. I remember you in my prayers. I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you many know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Narrator: Some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Confessor: I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you many know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Voice 1: They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Confessor: I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you many know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Voice 2: Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Confessor: I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you many know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Voice 3: As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'

Voice 4: So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Voice 1: Their eyes were opened.

Voice 2: They recognized him.

Confessor: I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you many know what is the hope to which God has called you.

Voice 1: I have heard of your faith.



Voice 2: I give thanks for you.

Voice 3: I remember you in my prayers.

Voice 4: I pray

Voice 1: that with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

Voice 2: you many know

Voice 4: you may know

Voice 1: what is the hope

Voice 2: the hope

Voice 3: the hope

Voice 4: to which God has called you.

All: AMEN