



E D W A R D S

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Stop The Violence

Speaker 1: It's Saturday, February 1st and this is The Daily Ray.

Ray: IG friends, can you hear me loud and clear? Facebook friends, we should be live on YouTube, live everywhere. Here's what I don't understand, why people seem to want to resort to violence in communication, and violence and communication involves threat and fear. It's interesting that so often in the church we hear people talk about I want to speak truth in love and then they say something brutal or they say something threatening like if you don't do X I will do Y which is a threat and yet they're speaking the truth in love. If you're going to go biblically on this whole thing then you have to remember that it says it in the bible there is no fear in love because fear involves punishment. The idea is if I can threaten you with punishment of some kind, I can make you do what I want you to do and I'm doing it out of love.

Anytime I hear somebody wield a fear under the cloak of love I know that there's manipulation happening and there's fear on their part. This is the thing I want to address; violence has its roots in fear. Isaac Asimov said that violence is the final refuge of the incompetent. What he was saying is when communication fails, when negotiation fails, when cleverness fails, when everything else fails, when resourcefulness fails, the incompetent person has no other abilities to rely on will resort to violence. If I can't get you to do what I want by reason I will beat it out of you.

Now, in modern everyday life, it doesn't take that clear of a form because we don't usually end up beating each other up. Although that does happen of course we see it on television, in the news, in the movies, we know it happens. For most of us that kind of physical violence does not take place in our lives but it's psychological violence, especially online. I might write something bad about you online. We get so worried about what other people think that we're willing to change our behavior, change our ethics, change our principles only situationally, of course, to avoid "violence". If one is truly moving in nonviolence one cannot be threatened by violence. If you come to me with anger, threats, hatred, vilification and I answer only with love, I don't respond with any violence, I don't meet your violence with violence, then who owns the violence and who ultimately is punished? Put it another way, if you offer me a gift and I refuse to accept it, who does it belong to?

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I would like to issue a challenge to examine your own behavior, your own words, your own communications and ask yourself "Am I using violence, the final refuge of the incompetent in order to force somebody to do something that I want them to do? To buy a product, to sign up for a service, to agree with me on a certain point of view?" I challenge you to examine yourself in that way. And know that it is possible and only possible but more effective to communicate nonviolently because then you are entering into not a battle but into a dance.

There is an almost magical quality to a truly non-violent person. The non-violent person who is I don't mean externally I mean internally nonviolent, who entertains no threat of violence there being, no threats, no hatred, no anger, no bitterness, no unforgiveness. When that nonviolent person enters the room people know the presence, they can sense it. In fact, a nonviolent person can enter a room and lower the heartbeats of the other people in the room without saying a word and in that place, there is power. Not power to manipulate or control but power in the truest form which is if you look up the definition the word power it means the ability to do work, to get things done. Lou says, "But how do we describe violence? Your examples are clear but where is the line? Is creating scarcity in a formal offer a violence? Where's the line between motivation and violence?"

I don't wish to be evasive Lou, but I would say we always know. If you write some copy for instance and you feel like, I wonder if this is violent copy. You know already, that's why you asked the question. We have a cut off time for the Kingdom Builder mastermind today at 5 p.m. Pacific. Is it violent? No. I said immediately it'll open back up later, but if you want in on this round it's only fair to let you know that we're going to close. The doors at 5:00 today. Now, if I imply or communicate that some essential quality of your life is going to be missing or hindered or hampered or injured if you don't do what I tell you to do by five o'clock today, that is violent. This is what happens when you get Ray with a good night's sleep, mellowed chill Ray, chill Ray welcome to chill time. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them this morning. Today's Live at five, short and sweet. Otherwise, if no questions I'm going to wrap up the broadcast.

Norm Robinson asks, "When we follow the hero's journey and mention the consequence of not following a certain principle are you considering that as violent?" No. Again, it's the intention. If I tell you that you're going down a path that ends in a cliff a thousand feet to the bottom. Is it valid for me to tell you that? No. If I tell you that to terrorize you, I know the defense it'll prevent you from going over the edge. I'm trying to scare you. Does that sound violent? Yes. Shepherding Hearts says, "Do you have some objective set for this offering Ray? I'm really enjoying it so far". The only objective I have in today's Live at five is to encourage more people to not be violent. It's not necessary.

Fred wants to know an update on my social media postings. Engagement is still up. Response is still up. Curiosity is still up but what are you up to Ray? What are you doing? The funny thing is I'm telling everybody exactly what I'm doing. People keep wondering what I'm doing. Like there's some secret agenda but there's no secret agenda. There's only the obvious one that's in front of you right now. I am systematizing the whole social media distribution machine. We have a plan now in place that should start Monday where we would have us posting 52 pieces of content

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per day to social media. I say us it's just me and two other team members. One does graphics, one does post and some writing. All based on the core content that I create during these Live at fives and the podcasts and the videos we've been shooting. A full report will come probably two to three weeks down the road. Lucius, I'm sure this isn't the first time that people have wondered what Ray was doing. No. People wonder that all the time especially those that I live with.

Okay. I'll go there. Where is the line with violence politically? I may or may not be thinking of a certain prominent individual politician who shall remain nameless. Politics is rife with violence. In many ways politics is violence. Why I'm not a politician? I'm not interested in choosing sides because once you've chosen sides you've chosen a way and the way of violence. All right. This one should be puzzling for a lot of folks. What's the agenda? What are you trying to do? I'm just trying to give you a way into a little more peace in your life. That's all. How can we help politicians? Well you can pray for them. We could lay down our weapons and stop fighting over their positions. If we each decided to be 10% less violent in our communications, would that change the world? I bet it would.

Beth says, "Just read a great book on the internet, Intentionality Behind How We Interact with People. Leadership and Self-deception, one of my new favorites." I'll be looking that one up. Leadership or Self-deception. Thank you, Beth. Thank you very much. On that note, I'm reading a new book. That's easy for me to say called A Thousand Thank Yous which was given to me as a gift by a friend of mine Helena Escalante. It's about a man who decided he wanted to have more gratitude in his life. He decided to pick one thing in his life and thank everybody involved in getting it to him every day. It was his daily cup of coffee. I haven't finished it yet, but it is a fascinating book and it's filling my heart with gratitude. Which is good because when you're grateful it's hard to be violent.

Okay. Coming up for me next week I'll give you an update. I won't give you the full report, but I'll give an update on our social media efforts. I'll give you a hint of the new project we're working on. I'll show you my new video setup for these lives and for one button video making. Yes. One button video making or something like that. Things I learned from Diana Gladney at VisualDee Creative. Until then, I hope God will do for you more than you can ask or think or even possibly imagine. I love you very much and not in a weird way. Have a great weekend you all.

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