

The Power of Narratives and the Imagination

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Slide 1:

- **Externalization: Entering into social settings with your own culture and Identity**
- **Institutionalization: The system place its own core values and construct to the social system**
- **Internalization: The cores and values of the system shaping the individual inwardly**
- **Story of church member feeling like Mission work is for the degree holders**

Slide 2:

- **Social: The connection between personal and social society. Connecting what you know about yourself into the history of society, what it has been and what it is now and what it will be.**
- **Theological: Can redefine the social society (doctrine of discovery) One person can have a positive outlook theologically and as the books says become arrogant because they feel like they have this ultimate connection with God.**
- **Franklin Graham story. Muslim/Islam Terrorist United States is God's chosen pg 28/29**

Slide 3:

- **Parables: Jesus using Parables to engage the imagination while explaining the kingdom of God and darkness. He knew the power the imagination holds to believing and understanding thee kingdom and getting them through persecution**
- **Garden of gethsemane: It is easy to not be tempted when things are going well. In the time where Jesus as most weak physically little ol satan tries to tempt him to give up but Jesus understood that it was not His Will but His Fathers**
- **What does that have to do with Metaphors. Let's look at Trump. He is known for reckless speech, hate crimes, demoralizing women and yet his following group is Christians and Catholics. He even said he can kill someone and still wont lose followers. Because he used metaphor and mental imagery of Religious liberty. Because what people feared is persecution so he used that to gain voters. He got my vote. He was able to move them from fear to safety**
- **Emotional experiences are used to keep dysfunctional systems**

Slide 4:

- **Narratives have the power to create a functioning or dysfunctional society. When a corporations and govt no longer cares for the welfare of others they become demonic**
- **Ephesian 6:12 The Principalities and rulers of this dark realm that has a narrative that has control of those who have stopped caring for what is Truth**
- **With Slavery, Jim Crow, and New Jim Crow laws these things were easy to keep**

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- revolving because the narrative was set in place.
- **Redemptive violence seems right because the narrative portrays the criminals/wicked need to be punished. So we have mass incarcerations, stop and frisk, shoot on site.**