

AN ENCOURAGEMENT CARD FROM PETER
JOHN 13:31-38
ALDERWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

BIG IDEA: JESUS REALLY LOVES HIS DEFECTIVE FOLLOWERS!

INTRODUCTION:

- A. *In November 1957, a youngster named Jan Bandringa, playing defensive end for Paramount High School in California, ran 55 yards to his own end zone with an intercepted pass, resulting in a safety.*
His mother, Gladys, who had been in the crowd, recalled last week from her home in Hesperia, Calif., how "he thought everybody was saying, 'Go, Go Go.' We were saying, 'No, No, No.' "
The safety on Bandringa's wrong-way run made the difference in Paramount's 9-7 loss to Centennial High.
Soon a letter of consolation, reprinted nationally by The A.P., arrived at Bandringa's school.
The letter, addressed "Dear Jan," read in part:
"For many years I've had to go along and laugh whenever my wrong-way run was brought up, even though I've grown tired listening and reading about it. But it certainly wasn't the most serious thing in the world. I regretted doing it, even as you do, but you'll get over it."
It was signed:
"Your Friend,
Roy Riegels"
- B. Who was Roy Riegels?
- C. Turn the calendar back to New Year's Day, 1929--unbeaten Georgia Tech faced the once-beaten University of California in the Rose Bowl on an 80-degree afternoon before a capacity crowd of some 70,000....
Today, only football aficionados remember who won that game, but a moment's misadventure in the Pasadena sunshine became an enduring football tale.
The ball was fumbled and ...Roy Riegels, California's outstanding center and linebacker...recovered at about the Tech 40. What happened next would earn Riegels an unwanted nickname...
Riegels ran a few yards toward the Georgia Tech goal line, but then he turned and reversed course. Suddenly, he was in the clear, but racing toward his own end zone.... California's star halfback, Ben Lom, did not hesitate. He chased Riegels, trying to turn him around. By the time Lom corralled him, Riegels was almost at his end zone and he was tackled by Georgia Tech players at Cal's 1-yard line.
[Radio broadcaster Graham McNamee captured the scene beautifully: "What am I seeing? What's wrong with me? Am I crazy? Am I crazy? Am I crazy?"]¹
The Cal coach...ordered his shaken squad to punt on the next play, but Georgia Tech blocked Lom's kick for a safety. Those 2 points, set up by Riegels's gaffe, proved decisive when Georgia Tech went on to an 8-7 victory.
"I was running toward the sidelines when I picked up the ball," Riegels told The Associated Press. "I started to turn to my left toward Tech's goal. Somebody shoved me and I bounded right off into a tackler. In pivoting to get away from him, I completely lost my bearings."
From then on, he was Wrong Way Riegels.²
- D. Peter would understand how Wrong Way Riegels felt. Here's why...

¹ Accessed 11/14/08 <http://www.inhistoric.com/2008/08/1011929-roy-riegels-runs-wrong-way.html>

² ACCESSED 11.10.08,

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=950CE6DB163EF936A15751C1A9659C8B63&sec=&spn=&pagewanted=2>

E. **John 13:31-38** *When he was gone*, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ³⁶ Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." ³⁷ Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

F. Have you ever had a significant spiritual failure? Ever felt like you have really let Jesus down?

G. Imagine getting an encouragement card from the Apostle Peter like Roy's letter to young Jan...

Dear Tim,

Sorry to hear about your "wrong-way run" from Jesus.

For many years I've had to go along and ache whenever my "wrong-way run" in Jerusalem was brought up, even though I've grown tired listening and reading about it.

I live with regret to this day, as you will, but remember, you're still in the game—because, as fantastic as it sounds, Jesus really loves us defective followers!

Your friend,

Simon Peter

H. Let's think this through together... JESUS REALLY LOVES HIS DEFECTIVE FOLLOWERS!

I. WE'RE PART OF SOMETHING A LOT **BIGGER** THAN WE REALIZE

A. My Sin Takes the Glory of God to a Whole New Level

Verse 31, *Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him." ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once..."*

1. It's not like God didn't have enough glory already

- Jesus is talking about a new dimension of divine glory. Notice the time-stamps in these comments:
 - **Verse 31, "NOW"**
 - **Verse 32, "AT ONCE"**
 - **Jesus is talking about the new glory that would come from the work of the Cross.**
- **When you hear, "GLORY," think weighty, significant, impressive—Often associated with very bright light.**
 - **At Creation: Job 38:7, while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?**
 - **Mt. Sinai: Exodus 24:17** *To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.*
 - **Solomon's Temple: 2 Chronicles 7:1-2** *When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.*
- **By the way, you and I, we don't really "get it" about the glory of God.** We do the best we can, but even at our best, our apprehension of the glory of God is pretty primitive. We're all afflicted with a degree of spiritual glaucoma.

- **So were the Twelve Apostles:**
 - **Jeanne Mayo**-- *The 12 guys on His ministry team never sang "How Great Thou Art" to Him. In fact, they often seemed unimpressed by the sacrifices Jesus made to minister among them.*³
 - Look at how believers reacted when they really did "get it" about the glory of God:
 - **Isaiah: Isaiah 6:5**, *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!"*
 - **Apostle John:** Despite the fact that he had lived in the presence of Jesus for 3.5 years, he didn't really get it till he saw Jesus on the Isle of Patmos. **Revelation 1:16-17** *His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.*
 - **If we really "get it" about the glory of God, we wouldn't be sitting on these chairs right now. We'd all be on our faces on the floor. In fact, I don't think we'd even buy chairs for our churches.**
 - **Here's how Paul explained it: 1 Corinthians 13:12** *Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*
 - They majorly didn't get it. Like a cow looking at a fence post.
2. **But Now He Has "Value Added" Glory**
- **MORRIS:** *The glorification of Christ is connected with what appears to men as the very opposite of glory. Jesus is looking to the cross as he speaks of glory. Origen employs the striking phrase "humble glory" to express this idea of glory.*
 - **God already had incomprehensible glory...**
 - He is the uncaused cause.
 - He possesses limitless power, limitless knowledge, and limitless presence.
 - Nothing exists except he created it—
 - from angels to mountains
 - from stars to the human eye
 - from photosynthesis to the flagellum of a bacterium.
 - Like the Bible says, **Romans 1:20**, *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made,*
 - **But now God has done something entirely unexpected.**
 - Who would have ever thought that God would get greater glory by getting humble?
 - By getting wounded.
 - By submitting to rough and puny hands
 - By rending the fellowship within the Trinity.
 - By dying in the place of a rebel race
 - **God could have let us all go our merry and miserable way to Hell. But at supreme sacrifice of Himself, He undertook to save our souls. That is a whole new level of glory.**
- B. Our Faithfulness Allows Us to Be Part of the Game
1. This Game Has a Team Roster List
- Verse 31, When he was gone...**
- It is significant that **Judas** didn't hear these words.
 - **Verse 36**, *Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."*

³ Jeanne Mayo, "The 3 mile-markers of success, *Group* (Vol 29, No 3), 43-45.

- Judas was not going to be with Jesus where He was going.
- Judas wasn't on the Team Roster.
- **John 6:70**, Then *Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"*
- Just like Judas, not everybody who claims to be on Jesus' team, really is.
- Just like Judas, not everybody who is assumed by others to be on Jesus' team really is.
- After Judas was gone, Jesus called the remaining Eleven, **Verse 33**, *My children*
- Judas wasn't a child of God—and therefore he wasn't faithful. Like Jesus said, **Matthew 7:20-21** *by their fruit you will recognize them.* ²¹ *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*
- **For example:** Back in 1945, there were three young preachers catching the attention of Evangelicals: Chuck Templeton, Bron Clifford, and Billy Graham. You've heard of Billy Graham but probably not the other two. Within five years Templeton quit the ministry and soon thereafter rejected the validity of the claims of Christ. What about Clifford?

In those early days, it was Clifford that was getting the press. *Many believed that Clifford was the most gifted and powerful preacher the church had seen in centuries...."At the age of twenty-five Clifford touched more lives, influenced more leaders, and set more attendance records than any other clergyman his age in American history" [quoting John Haggai]....By 1954, Clifford lost his family, his ministry, his health, and then...his life. Alcohol and financial irresponsibility had done him in. He wound up leaving his wife and their two Down's syndrome children. At just thirty-five years of age, this once great preacher died from cirrhosis of the liver in a run-down motel on the edge of Amarillo. His last job was selling used cars in the panhandle of Texas....Some pastors in Amarillo took up a collection among themselves in order to purchase a casket so that his body could be shipped back East for decent burial in a cemetery for the poor.*⁴

2. This Game Has an **MVP** List

Verse 35, *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

TEXTNOTE: MORRIS: *The new thing appears to be the mutual affection that Christians have for one another on account of Christ's great love for them. A brotherhood has been created.*

Cf. Plummer: *"The commandment to love was not new, for 'thou shalt love your neighbor as thyself' (Lev. xix.18) was part of the Mosaic Law. But the motive is new; to love our neighbor because Christ has loved us.*

- **Once I know for sure that I am on the team; that I am a child of God--that's not the end of the adventure. It's just the beginning.**
- **Faithfulness makes a difference.**
- **1 Corinthians 9:27** *I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*
 - Right here Jesus gives us all a strategic assignment: To brilliantly display our spiritual paternity by loving our fellow believers.
 - After all, if saving souls mattered so much to God that He sent Jesus to die—ought not it to matter to me to spend and be spent for his children?

⁴ Steve Farrar, *Finishing Strong* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publishers, 1995), 14-15.

- I can be part of Jesus' great Glory-Game by sacrificing my time, my money, my druthers, my dreams for God's children.

II. WE'RE PART OF SOMETHING SATURATED WITH **BIG LOVE**

A. This Is Love That Remembers Who We Are

1. How would we have treated the Disciples?

- These Eleven who are all going to forsake Jesus and run for their lives. This Peter who is going to deny three times that even knows Jesus.
- Disciples [followers] *I can think of some other labels for these guys...*
 - *You major disappointments,*
 - *You failures!*
 - *Losers for Jesus!*
- **We might have been tempted to trot out some of those classic put-down country song titles:**
 - *[They] Ripped My Heart Out and Stomped That Sucker Flat*
 - *I Sure Do Miss [Them], but My Aim Is Improving*
 - *Here's a Quarter, Call Someone Who Cares*
- **But I had better be careful...Because I'm no great shakes, either.**
 - It's easy for me to sit in judgment on Adam and Eve for plunging the rest of us into sin and death.
 - But I have a sneaking suspicion I would have done the same thing.
 - It's easy for me to back-seat-drive when I read about the unbelief of the Israelites in the Sinai when they tested God's patience over water, meat, rocky trails, idols, and scary enemies.
 - But I have a sneaking suspicion I would have done the same thing. In fact, I have done the same thing. And maybe you have, too.
 - Look how prone we are to shake our fist at God if we go a year or two without a new job—or somebody we dearly love gets terminal cancer—especially if that somebody is young.
 - It's easy for me to make fun of Peter for his failure in walking on the water and to gasp at his denial of Jesus.
- But I am made of the same clay that he was.

2. How did Jesus treat the Disciples?

- He called them **Verse 33, My children...**
- We've really got to capture the **emotion** of this scene.
- Jesus is going to be dead in less than 24 hours. And he fully knows it.
 - **Matthew 16:21** *From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.*
 - Jesus is about to enter the darkest, the most sinister moments in all of eternity past and future. No one ever has or ever will suffer like Jesus did. People have died torturous deaths—but nobody else ever died as sin-bearer for the whole world. Nobody else ever felt the weight of the cumulative judgment of God against all the trillions of sinful acts of mankind.
 - And Jesus is going to do it alone.
 - Peter and Andrew won't be arrested with him.
 - James won't get a crown of thorns on his head.
 - Jesus will be bracketed by two crosses, but it won't be disciples on those crosses sharing in his pain. It will be unknown criminals.
 - After three years of pouring his life into these men; after three years of sacrificing for them—Jesus is going to be abandoned. He will walk the Via Dolorosa alone. A stranger will carry his cross.

- Jesus is going to do it alone.
- And yet he still loves these Eleven men. He treats them with tenderness.
- He called them **Verse 33, My children...**
TEXTNOTE: MORRIS: “Little children” [teknon] is a diminutive expressing affection.
- Jesus treated the Eleven with love and tenderness
- Despite their failure, He remembered that they were His children—given him by His heavenly father.
- “Children” implies youngness and immaturity.
- Children do foolish and disobedient things.
 - Children at times are cute and endearing.
 - Children at other times are downright maddening and disappointing.
 - But though it all, Jesus remembers that they are His loved children.
- Isn’t that cool!
- Kids sing, *Jesus loves me, this I know*. Little secret—That’s one song we should never outgrow!

B. This Is Love That Restores What We Can Do

Luke 22:32b, “*And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.*”

- **Isn’t that breathtaking? Jesus predicts that Peter will deny him three times—and in almost the same breath he is casting vision for his future service for Jesus.**

1. Human failure is a given

- **1 John 1:8**, *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*
- I don’t plan to fail—but nevertheless I do.
- I will fail and disappoint Jesus—I don’t want to. I do everything I can to ensure that I *don’t* disappoint Jesus. But I will-- I guess I had better deal with it!
- There is no sugar-coating it. There is no way to spin it. When I fail Jesus, it’s sin.
- You buy a **new wallet** and inside is a little slip of paper: *Your wallet is made of real leather. Unlike artificial or simulated leather, authentic leather may have imperfections and a variety in coloration or texture. These are not indications of defect. These are marks of distinction. You are the owner of a genuine leather article.*
- I wish I were a wallet. Regrettably, my defects are not marks of distinction.

2. Divine “second chances” are a grace

- **Psalm 103:8-14**, *The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for **he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.***
- **The thing that makes “grace,” “grace,” is that:**
 - I do not merit it. [NO MERIT]
 - God is not obligated to give it. [NO OBLIGATION]
 - **Please notice that this grace is not some clinical, dispassionate thing on God’s part.**
- **GOD HAS EMOTIONS:**
 - **Grace is a thing of deep feeling.**

- **It costs God emotionally to give us a second chance.**
- **Maybe a day before this** Jesus cried out a prayer in public, **John 12:27-28** *"Now **my heart is troubled**, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"*
 - **Look at the emotion of Jesus a few hours later at Gethsemane.**
 - **Mark 14:33-34**, *He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "**My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow** to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."*
 - **Then on the Cross Jesus cries out, Matthew 27:46** *"My God, my God, why have you **forsaken** me?"*
- **Haddon Robinson** confesses, *...I look for the word from God that will help me keep going when I feel I've let God and everyone else down. Perhaps that's why I'm drawn to a little phrase for losers at the core of the Book of Jonah: "Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time..." (Jonah 3:1). In some ways, that truth outdistances the large fish as the most startling revelation in the entire book. God gave the prophet a second chance.⁵*
- **Remember Roy Riegels?** Do you think the coach ever let him play again? His wrong-way run happened in the first half. In the half-time locker room, Riegels thought he was through. He was sitting in a corner, blanket around his shoulders, crying like a baby.

The coach then announced, "Men, the same team that played the first half, will start the second."

The players got up and started out—all but Riegels. He didn't budge. The coach looked back and called to him again; still he didn't move. Coach Price went over to where Riegels sat and said, "Roy, didn't you hear me? The same team that played the first half, will start the second." Then Roy Riegels looked up...

"Coach," he said. "I can't do it to save my life. I've ruined you. I've ruined the University of California. I've ruined myself. I couldn't face that crowd in the stadium to save my life."

Then Coach Nibbs Price put his hands on Riegels shoulder and said, "Roy, get up and go on back. The game is only half over." And Roy Riegels went back, and those Georgia Tech players will tell you they have never seen a man play football as Roy Riegels played in that second half.⁶
- Roy Riegels—Simon Peter—Tim Walton—You. This is Grace.

III. WE'RE PART OF SOMETHING SO BIG WE CAN'T MESS IT UP

A. Not Because *We're So Great*

Verses 37-38, Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? **I will lay down my life for you.**" Then Jesus answered, "**Will you really lay down your life for me?** I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, **you will disown me three times!**"

1. What did Peter do right?

- It was **princely** of Peter to promise to stand by Jesus to the death.
- **MORRIS** *His use of the sword in the garden shows that he was ready in certain circumstances to face death boldly. There was truth as well as error in his words.*
 - **John 18:10** *Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear.*

⁵ Haddon Robinson, "A Little Phrase for Losers," *Christianity Today*, October 26, 1992, 11.

⁶ Robinson, *Ibid.*

- What then made him run for his life? What turned a tiger into a rabbit in a flash?
 - Answer: **Disappointment with God!** Why be loyal to a God like this?
 - **John 18:11** *Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"*
 - **Matthew 26:53 and 56** *Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁶ Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.*
 - I suspect that Peter had the script all written out in his head. He and Jesus would go down swinging. For years to come they would tell the tale of his bravery around the campfires of Israel.
 - But when Jesus capitulated to the crowd, it blew Peter's mind—and completely shattered his confidence and bravado.
- NOTE TO SELF: Be especially on guard when things in my life feel like they're going south—and God seems to be **strangely passive**.

2. What did Peter do wrong?

- He placed too much confidence in himself.
- So did the others--**Matthew 26:35**, *But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*
- **MORRIS:** *But he was not ready to stand for Christ when all seemed lost. That demanded a different brand of courage and devotion....The prediction must have come as a shock to Peter. It evidently quite subdued him, and this may be the reason why he remained silent throughout the rest of the time in the upper room, though the others apparently spoke freely. We do not hear of him again until 18:10. [which is the story of his thrice denial in the high priest's courtyard]*
- Like Jesus said, **John 15:5**, *Apart from me you can do nothing.*

B. But Because God Shows Up

Luke 22:31-32a, *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. **But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.***

1. **He is there in the dark**

- The "you" in **Verse 31** is **plural**, indicating that Satan wanted to have-at-it toward all the disciples. But the pronoun shifts to singular in **Verse 32** that seems to indicate that Satan's *...request is especially for Peter, in recognition that he is "first among equals. Perhaps by exposing Peter, all will lose heart.*⁷
- **"Sift":** *The picture is of grain in a sieve, where the head of grain is taken apart....Our English idiom of "picking someone to pieces" or "taking someone apart" has similar emotive force.*⁸
- My goodness—talk about being in the dark. Peter was immersed in darkness more than he knew. Before we sit in judgment on Peter, give the guy a break--he was subjected to direct assault by the devil in way that I am quite sure no one else in this room ever has.
- Here's a lyric to hang on to when you feel the pressure of encroaching darkness...

"TRUST HIS HEART"

*God is too wise to be mistaken
God is too good to be unkind
So when you don't understand
When you don't see His plan*

⁷ Darrell L. Bock, *Luke Vol 2: 9:51-24:53* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1996), 1742.

⁸ Bock, 1742.

*When you can't trace His hand
Trust His heart
--by Babbie Mason*

- God does very well in the darkness. You can take that to the bank.
- The disciples did eventually learn that lesson very well. Every one of them except John, died martyr deaths for Jesus. And John suffered exile and imprisonment.

2. **He is there in the light**

- We say that after the night comes the dawn. That is certainly true in God's dealing with His children.
- **Verse 34, Vision-casting** past the failure—
 - He calls them, "My disciples" (verse 35).
 - He affirms that they WILL follow him later (verse 36)
 - Luke tells us that during the Last Supper, just before Jesus predicted Peter's denial, he vision-casts about their future role in His Kingdom:
Luke 22:28-30 *You are those who have stood by me in my trials.²⁹
And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,³⁰
so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*
- Even in the best of times—we need the power of God in our lives and ministry more than we know.
- Peter needed God's power just as much when he was leading the early church in Jerusalem and things were going fantastic as when the Devil was sifting him like wheat.

*Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you'
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.*

2 Corinthians 4:7 *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

CONCLUSION:

1. **Donald Miller**-- An interviewer was questioning Bill Bright about the success factors of campus Crusade then finally asked him what Jesus meant to him. ...*Dr. Bright could not answer that question....Dr. Bright just started to cry. He sat there in his big chair behind his big desk and wept.*⁹
2. From time to time people come talk me as a pastor when they feel like they've totally blown it and that God can never use them or even forgive them.
 - I tell them the story of how God forgave and kept using King David after the Bathsheba/Uriah debacle.
 - And I tell them about Peter's flight and denial of Jesus.
 - Then I ask the person if he believes that he has failed God more than David or Peter.
 - I've never had anybody say "Yes" to that question.
 - That's why I've called this sermon, *AN ENCOURAGEMENT CARD FROM PETER*
3. **HERE'S THE TAKE-AWAY BIG IDEA: JESUS REALLY LOVES US DEFECTIVE FOLLOWERS!**

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⁹ Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2003), 133.