



CARE CONVERSATIONS

FORWARD
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Dear Friend,

We are pleased to continue to bring you our Care Conversations. In the first series, Dr Stephen Fyson brought us some reflections on *Mere Christian Education*, based on CS Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. In this next set, Stephen brings us some encouragement from the Gospel according to Matthew – often called the *Teachers' Gospel*.

We hope that this service from The Excellence Centre continues to support you in this wonderful ministry of Christian Education. Please remember to contact us with any ideas about how we may be able to assist you more.

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Series 2:

THE TEACHERS' GOSPEL...

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LOVE & JUSTICE



If you are a leader, then you have probably wrestled with issues like *How do I care for someone while I discipline them? Or How can I be compassionate while still teaching what is right and wrong? Or again, Why do some people think I am too harsh, and others think I am too soft, in my decision making?*

It seems that in our Western world at the moment, it is hard to present yourself as a caring person while wanting to disagree with them. The current marriage re-definition debate is an example of this. Proponents for changing the law that I have spoken to explain that they are driven by an ethic of care for these couples who would like the privilege of being 'married'. They have even posed the question to me: "Don't you care about them?" ^[1]

Such thinking is probably why we have trouble feeling comfortable with the following statement of Jesus: *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.* (Matthew 5:17). We have trouble conceiving that love and justice go together. Our hearts and minds are so used to wanting to decide what is right and wrong for

ourselves, that we cannot fathom easily that *love without justice is a distorted love*, or put another way, *love that perpetuates injustices is malformed love* (Nicholas Wolstertorff 2011 in “Justice in Love” p. ix).

However, Jesus’ great love for us meant that His actions brought God’s Old Testament work to yet another stage of mercy and justice. Let’s keep on working to see how we can bring the heart of the Father to our school communities, both its justice and mercy, so that we can have more of ‘on earth as it is in heaven’.

Grace and peace,

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[1] If you are interested in exploring why this is the case at this moment in Western history, Professor Dalziel or Dr Fyson can run a workshop for you and your staff.

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