

Well-filling

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Session Five: Relevance



Jacob wrestling the angel



Sermon on the mount - revisited



Henri Nouwen: on relevance

- We are relevant because we are loved.
 - Success, approval, affirmation, productivity, acclaim – all fleeting!
 - When we desire to be relevant – we need to seek/experience love
(Not in an intellectual way – but in a deep encounter- a profound, transformative way.)
- * Read Matthew 20 v1-15 Parable of the rich landowner.

Our relevance comes from love

1 John 4 v10

“This is love – not that we loved God, but that God loved us.”

1 John continues, connects

V11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Want to be relevant? – live in love

Want to be relevant to the world? – live out of love.

This has implications for all of our relationships – how we relate

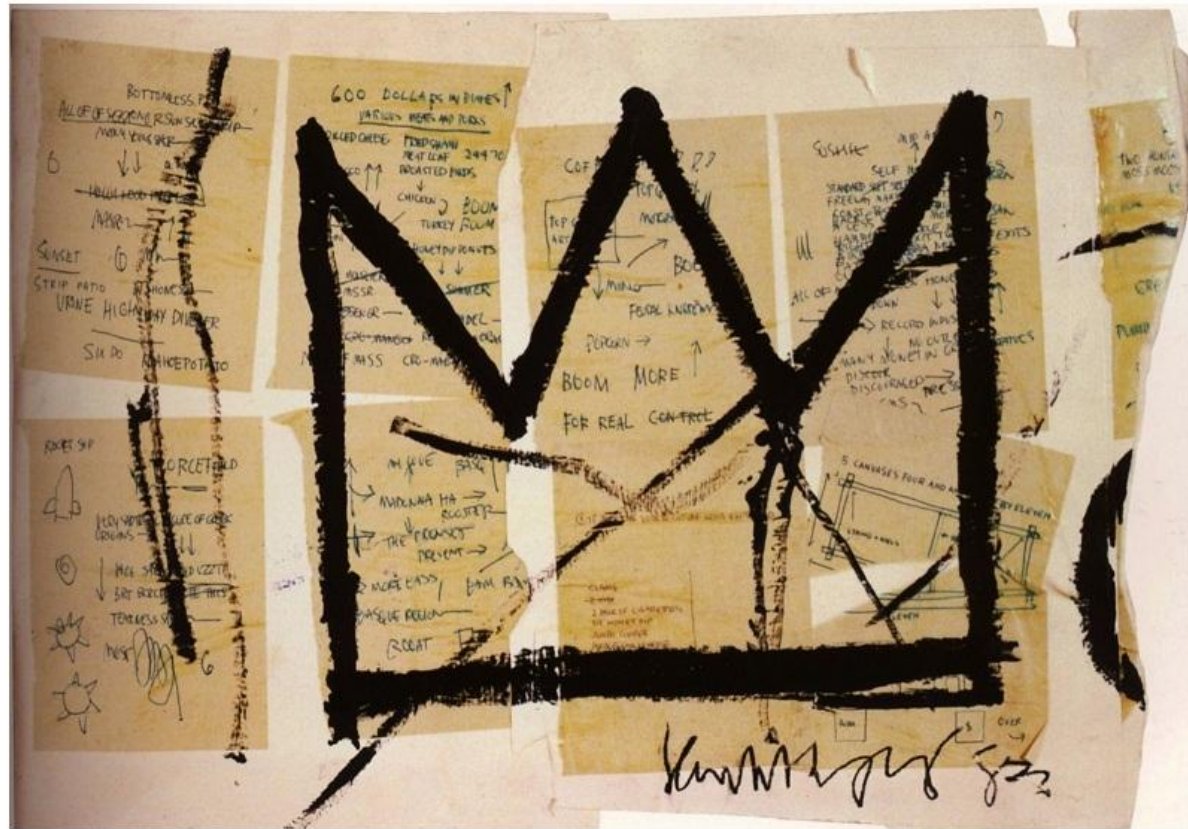
Osheta Moore

The whole of Jesus' ministry was to establish a community so
convinced of their Belovedness to God
that they proclaim the Belovedness of others.

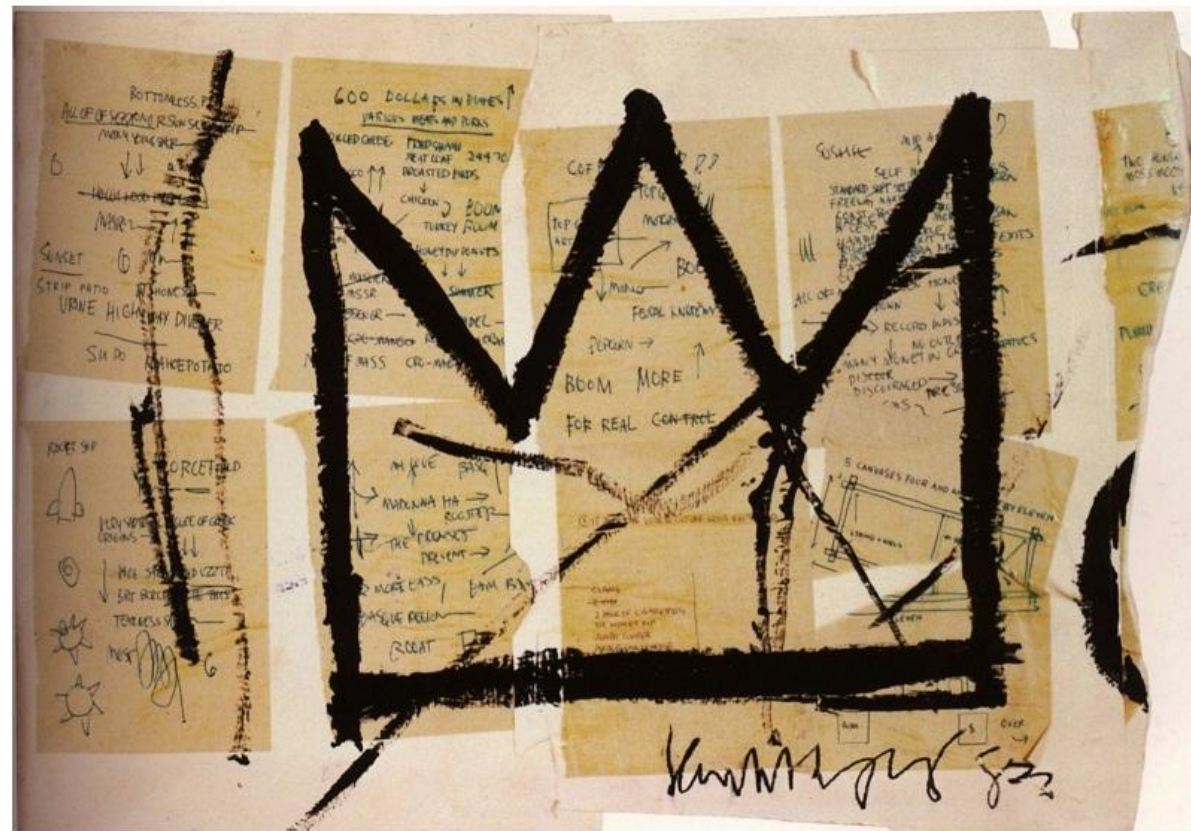
Belovedness is a massive act of owning and accepting your humanness
as a gift from a God who deeply loves you.

This is the way of the Beloved Community:
Claim your Belovedness: love God, love self.
Then proclaim it: love others, love the world. . . .

Beloved



crown and patch



Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front

So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.

Love someone who does not deserve it.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.

Listen to carrion — put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.

Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts....

Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

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