

EXILES:

JOYFUL OR CYNICAL?

1 PETER





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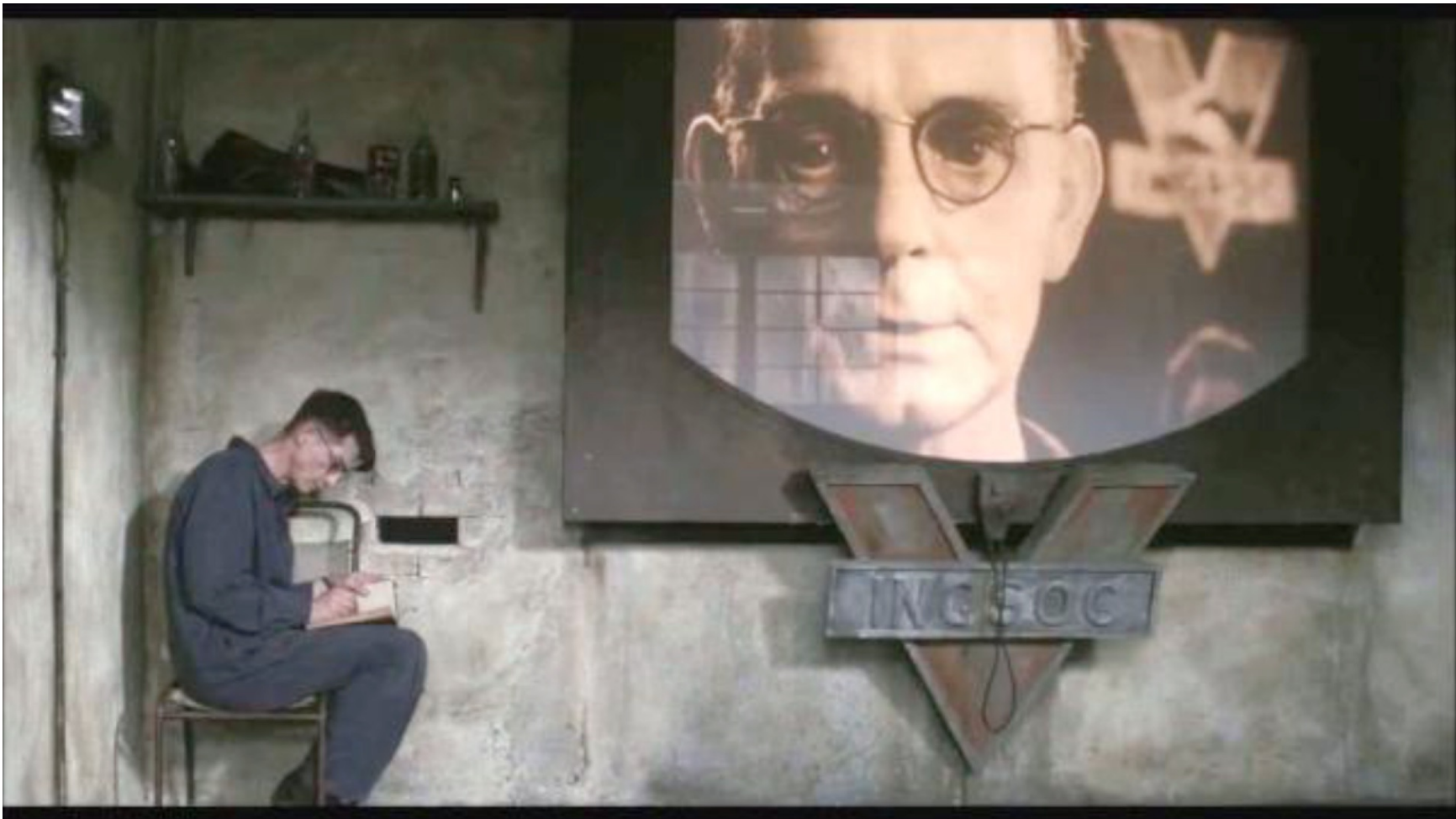
GEORGE ORWELL

IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY

WAR IS PEACE















TOTALITARIANISM IN *George Orwell's* **1984**

As compared to other novels and films...



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“freedom” = eleutheria

“They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.”

2 Peter 2:19

Who were we? - darkness, not a people, not
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Who are we? - chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, people for his own possession, God's people, received mercy, beloved

Where do we belong? - as sojourners and
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What do we do? - proclaim his excellencies, wage war on sinful passions, live honorably and generously

“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

1 Peter 2:12

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Mindfulness

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“Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme ...”

1 Peter 2:13



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“For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.”

1 Peter 2:15

“Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

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“ignorance” = agnoia

“... but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect ...”

1 Peter 3:15

“In order to deal with this personal conflict, I start with prayer, acknowledging that God’s plan is perfect.

“I rest in the fact that He is in control of all people, all countries, and all governments.

“As I grow in my faith, I feel my response is to first show the love of God to people. My hope comes from knowing God is in control, and his plan is perfect.”

Anonymous

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“For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.”

1 Peter 2:18-20

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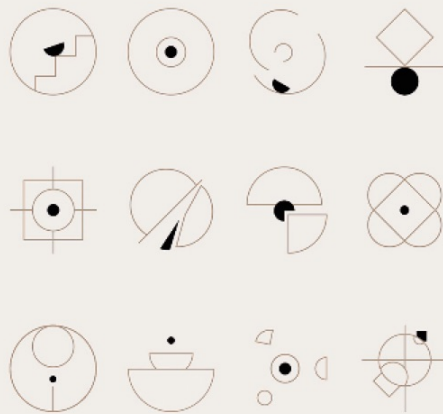
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* Do you see suffering as a calling?

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LEAD



12 Gospel Principles for Leadership in the Church

PAUL DAVID TRIPP

“Not many of you should become teachers,
my brothers, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness.”

James 3:1

“In reality, when God gives you ministry and leadership gifts, he is calling you to be willing to suffer.”

Paul Tripp

Because of your gifts ...

- You will suffer a kind and severity of temptation that others don't face.

Because of your gifts ...

- You will suffer dangerous adulation and harsh criticism.

Because of your gifts ...

- You will be tempted to neglect your personal devotional life.

Because of your gifts ...

- You will be tempted to neglect the private ministry of marriage, family, and friendship.

Because of your gifts ...

- You will be tempted to be demanding, irritable, and impatient with people who happen to be in the way of what you want.

Because of your gifts ...

- You will be tempted to confuse your giftedness with your level of spiritual maturity.

Paul Tripp

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you” (21a)

Here our calling is ...

- **illustrated**

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“... leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

“When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.”

1 Peter 2:21b-23

Here our calling is ...

- illustrated
- **activated**

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“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:24-25