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The Bible Rediscovered: Understanding Scripture As Wisdom Literature

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Tim Mackie's spiritual journey began when he met a group of skateboarders who were creatively communicating the story of the Bible. As a teenager, he participated in a Portland ministry called Skatechurch. Tim went only to skate, but during his last years of high school, he was drawn in by the stories he heard about Jesus.

With his brand-new faith, Tim enrolled at Multnomah University. He became fascinated with the scriptural story of Jesus when he entered the world of biblical studies.

Determined to deepen his understanding of Jesus' historical and cultural context, Tim went on to pursue a degree in theology from Western Seminary in Portland and a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tim's early research and writing interests focused on the manuscript history of the Bible and the formation of the biblical canon. He loves ancient Greek and Hebrew texts!

After years of ministry as a local church pastor and as a professor at Western Seminary, Tim now serves as a lead research scholar and creative director at BibleProject

Currently, Tim resides in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Jessica, and two rambunctious and amazing boys. In all of his work, whether as a pastor or as a co-founder of BibleProject, he loves helping people understand how the overall biblical story works together and leads us to Jesus.



KATE GASTON

Let's Get Coffee: Loneliness, Hospitality, and the Power of Conversation

Loneliness is on the rise, and let's be honest—sometimes, so is our reluctance to open the door to each other. Yet, as followers of Christ, we each bear a sacred calling to welcome the stranger, to lean in, to listen. We'll explore the joys (and occasional awkwardness) of hospitality, the art of good conversation, and how intentional connections can transform lives. Bring your sense of humor and an open heart as we ponder how a shared meal can heal and why Jesus never seemed to be in a hurry to leave the table.



MARTY SOLOMON

Bilbo and the Bible: Seeing God's Artistry in the Scriptures

We've all been moved by great literature—words that challenge us, stir something deep within, and change the way we see the world. Shouldn't reading the Bible do the same? Yet, for many of us, Scripture has become dull, routine, or even frustrating. Maybe that's not the Bible's fault. Maybe we've inherited a way of reading it that strips away its beauty, its tension, and its artistry. What if we could rediscover the Bible for what it truly is—a masterpiece crafted by the ultimate Author? What if, instead of dissecting it for answers, we learned to begin to ask better questions? God is a masterful Artist, and His story is more compelling than we've been led to believe. Come and see.



SHARLENE PROVILUS

Journeying with Jesus through Nazareth, Nineveh, Babylon, and Emmaus: Unraveling Heart Issues for Creative People

Our hearts are deeply connected to the work we produce, but unresolved heart issues can sabotage the fruit of our efforts. In this talk, I'll share personal stories and biblical insights to explore the heart challenges we face on our journey with Jesus. We'll be looking at four key places in the Bible as metaphors for our own journey.

Together, we'll navigate these heart issues—comparison, insecurity, idolatry, and resentment—and discover how surrendering them to God can realign us with His purpose. Let's walk this path of healing and rediscover the true heart behind our creative expression.



ANNA A. FRIEDRICH

A Question Mark is a Generative Little Thing: Discovering Creative Life in the Bible's Questions

Questions are like seeds— they may appear small but are energy-filled and potent, given the right placement. God knows this. Hundreds of his questions are scattered throughout the pages of the Bible. What are we to make of them? Join poet Anna A. Friedrich for an exploration of questions in the Scriptures, and their creative potential for an artful life, well-lived.



*BRIAN BROWN, SARAH HOWELL,
CHRISTINA BROWN*

The Anselm Society—Imagination Redeemed Podcast

*Why We Feast: How a healed relationship
with food forms us to renew the world.*



We were meant for life together. But the fallen world seeks to drive apart things that were meant to be together. People from God. Sexes and generations and tribes and individuals from each other. And the image of God from the rest of the creation (including food; through body image issues, food allergies, and McDonald's).



Meanwhile, food features prominently in so many of our favorite stories—like Lord of the Rings, Wingfeather, Redwall, and Harry Potter. Why?

In this session, we'll delve into these fantastical realms to find a healed relationship with food—and reveal how eating can literally change how we do Christianity.



KEVIN CHANDLER & TOMMY SHELTON

The Hospitality of Need



Too often, our needs are perceived as either burdens to shamefully hide, or idols before which everything must bow. But maybe need isn't actually a bad thing if we realize the hospitality of it. From the life of Jesus and their own testimonies, Kevan and Tommy share what can happen when we see our needs as opportunities to invite others into our lives and step into theirs.