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Exploring The Christian Faith



Unmasked Faces

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⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory,

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transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the
ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

Ex 34

³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

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³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

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⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

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¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

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¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory,
how much greater is the glory of that which
lasts!

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¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

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¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

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¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

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¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

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¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate (reflect) the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Spirit = Freedom

- If it is true that where the Spirit of the Lord, there is freedom, and if we have the Spirit of the Lord, it seems only logical to conclude that we have freedom

*There are too many Christians who do not
know freedom.*

- It doesn't mean that if you are bound by something, that the Spirit has left you.

Freedom of an Unmasked Face

Not just a freedom to enjoy but a
ministry to live out.

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Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

What Ministry?

The ministry of reflecting the glory of God
with an unveiled face.

- What does living with an unveiled face mean? What does this life and ministry look like?

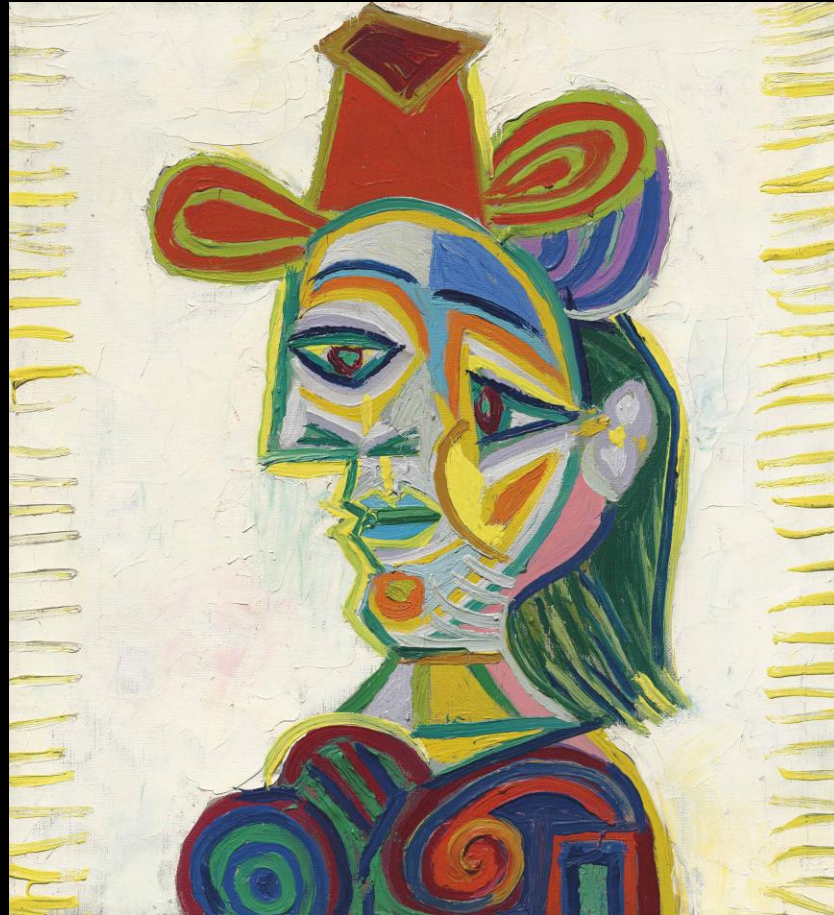
- We are honest about our stuff.
- Reuschling: I've got stuff, you've got stuff, all God's children got stuff.

- Be patient with yourself but don't give yourself a pass, or live resigned to your bondage.
 - WE OWN OUR STUFF BUT DON'T EXCUSE IT.
 - We never stop being hungry for freedom.
 - We form relationships that allow us to be open, vulnerable, transparent, and accountable.

- Walk in the freedom you have
- Maybe the only freedom you have is to live with an unveiled face. So do it!

Maybe you don't have much glory to reflect

Picasso's *Buste de Femme*



- But we are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory

- Be a Spirit chaser. God is moved by those who pursue him.
 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness...

2 Cor 4.6

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

- Be patient with ourselves without excusing ourselves.

Be patient with each other

- Sadly it is likely that some of us will never experience the full freedom that could be ours on this side of the grave.
- Ruth Bell Graham
 - End of Construction. Thank you for your patience.

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RUTH BELL GRAHAM

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Thank you for your patience"*

Live in Hope

- There is coming a day, when we will be free.
- We will run, skip, leap, and dance in a release that we have never known.

Live in Hope

- Not only future freedom, but more freedom now.

- Until that day live with your face unmasked.

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