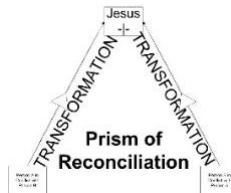


Outline - Practically using Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection in Conflict Resolution

INTRODUCTION – To save time acronym of DBR will be used at times to denote Jesus' Death, Burial, & Resurrection

1. What was the significance in the mind of God of Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection?
 - a. Obviousness of the answer may hinder probing or understanding how significant it was to God.
 - b. A more subtle and interesting question: Is there any significance of the DBR in creation?
2. DBR found in God's creation. Psalms 19:1-2 – The heavens declare the Glory of God . . . reveals knowledge
 - a. Plants - Seed must die (death), be buried (burial), before new life (resurrection) – John 12:24.
 - b. Days – Day dies in the west (death), illusion of Sun being buried (burial), new day (resurrection).
 - c. Leaves - Dies in fall (death), under snow (burial), compost/reconstitutes in spring (resurrection).
 - d. Hydrological cycle – Rain falls, Rain buried in rivers/oceans, Rain evaporates and rises to the sky.
 - e. Rock geological cycle – Sedimentation (death), tectonic burial, magma/crystallize (resurrection).
 - f. Birth – Gamete (egg) dies when inseminated (death), amniotic fluid (burial), birth (resurrection).
 - g. Cell differentiation – Stem Cell gives up abilities (death), to be a different cell (resurrection).
 - h. Caterpillar/Butterfly – Caterpillar dies (death), cocoon (burial), butterfly (resurrection).
 - i. Creation of the World - earth is void (death), earth within the water (burial), dry land appears (resurrection) - chapter 1 of Genesis
 - j. Sleep – go to sleep (death), under our covers (burial), rise the next day (resurrection).
 - k. Life – Christians die (death), usually are buried (burial), rise to new body (resurrection).
 - l. Jesus – Death, Burial, and Resurrection.
 - m. Other phenomena found in intellectual & emotional realms– investigate – pink Cadillac principle.
3. So, could DBR as a dynamic have practical applications in conflict coaching to help resolve conflicts?
 - a. We've shown physical and spiritual manifestations of DBR, intellectual and emotional? Yes.
 - b. We must research the DBR of Jesus as a paradigm of reconciliation in a deeper way.
 - c. Reconciliations can happen on all four levels, physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual.
 - d. We believe the DBR can be spoken of on all four levels as a help in conflict resolution.
4. Our choice today is to show the resolution of one conflict Jesus had, and the resolution thereof as a template for reconciliations as seen through his DBR.
 - a. John 12:32, If I be lifted up, I will draw all people to myself. Prism of Reconciliation.



- b. Doctrinal Differences – There may be some, that's ok, this is an exercise to show how DBR can be a viable template as a practical model for reconciliation. The cataclysmic reconciliation that occurred during Jesus' DBR, on several levels, is too much to ignore. We must research this.
5. Jesus has a dilemma – Hebrews 5:7-9. Did you catch that? He needs saving. He will experience a spiritual death in his human spirit, be separated from His Father, and this will cause him to scream and cry – DBR means a lot for him personally. All three parts of the Godhead will have a part in Jesus' reconciliation.
 - a. **On the Cross**, Jesus is giving something towards his reconciliation with the Father. SELF DENIAL AND THE FAITH OF JESUS TO GET HIM THROUGH DEATH WITH A PURE HEART.
 - b. **In His Burial**, the Father is giving something towards Jesus' reconciliation. GRACE FROM THE FATHER TO DO AWAY WITH THE SIN JESUS TOOK ON.
 - c. **In the Resurrection**, the Holy Spirit is giving something towards Jesus' reconciliation. POWER FROM THE SPIRIT TO RAISE JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

THE CROSS – THE DEATH OF JESUS

1. On the Cross, Jesus received the sins of the entire world 1 John 2:2, 1 Peter 2:24, Is 53:6
2. Did Jesus then become a sinner? Worse than a sinner, he became sin itself 2 Cor 5:21
3. The Father does not turn his back on a sinner, but on sin itself he must Matt 27:46
4. Jesus separated from his Father, needs to be reconciled to his Father. Accomplished through the DBR.
5. Practical Points:
 - a. Jesus death is analogous to repentance. Jesus did not need to repent from sin, he was perfect, but needed to die to his own desires of not following through.

- b. Need coaching time spent on Jesus' DBR that paints into the mind of the parties the reconciliation process that Jesus himself went through to serve as a guide.
- c. Within the story of Jesus' reconciliation, it gives the opportunity for our parties to merge their stories into Jesus' story. The story of Jesus death, burial, and resurrection is powerful to get people to stop thinking selfishly for a moment and understand the solution for their sin.
- d. Faith that God is going to work all things out for our parties is the effect we are looking for when focusing on Jesus on the cross and a convenient anchor for us as reconcilers when looking at Jesus on the cross with our parties. (Romans 8:28)
- e. Encourage your parties to take responsibility for their part in the conflict.
- f. The perfect way to handle your party's bitterness is to gaze at Jesus on the cross.
- g. Death to self must be emphasized to our parties as necessary for reconciliation.

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

1. Don't forget the burial in the Gospel. Gospel is DBR with a B (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
2. Nature itself shows us the importance of the burial. Jesus likens his burial to Jonah.
3. The act of burying Jesus was something done to him. He was placed in tomb. Helpless because he died.
4. Zechariah 3 and 1 Pet. 3:18-20 – Much activity for Jesus in the burial. In Jonah 2, mind of Jonah active
5. Practical Points:
 - a. Zechariah 3 Focus on the fact that Jesus' sin that he received from us was done away with for all time. This helps parties feel the grace Jesus received.
 - b. Romans 5:2 Grace comes after faith, faith triggers grace. It is important not to lead someone to grace in conflict coaching or in mediation until they demonstrate the necessary faith to get there.
 - c. 1 Pet. 3:18-20 Once Jesus was touched by grace, it gave him the ability to speak and testify to the disobedient around him. Wait until someone truly experiences the grace of God before you allow them to do a lot of talking.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

1. Romans 8:11 Jesus Christ is raised to life by the Power of the Holy Spirit
2. Practical Points:
 - a. If the Holy Spirit can raise someone from a tomb in which Jesus went in with all the sins of the world, what can he do with resolving conflict once there has been repentance by faith and grace has been given?
 - b. The Holy Spirit worked after the Faith of Jesus and the Grace of the Father. The Holy Spirit's purpose in reconciliation is more at resurrecting and restoring a dead relationship after repentance and forgiveness has happened.
 - c. Don't be discouraged if your parties don't see the DBR of Jesus the same way you do. Keep at it.

CONCLUSION: For your own purposes in considering using Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection as a template, you must ask yourself questions to take ownership of the DBR for yourself. Here are some examples:

1. What happened to Jesus' human spirit when he received all the sins of the world? What happens to our spirit when we sin without the saving blood of Christ? Ephesians 2:1
2. How much was Jesus Christ a human? How does your answer to this question explain in your mind what happened to Jesus when he died?
3. Did anything significant happen to Jesus Christ in his burial? Is your answer backed up by scripture?
4. Was burial necessary for Jesus to be reconciled to the Father? Why?
5. How much was Jesus separated from the Father when he became sin on the tree? Never really separated, only partially separated, or completely separated?
6. Did Jesus literally become sin on the cross or did he simply become another sinner?
7. Do you believe Zechariah chapter 3 could be talking about what happened to Jesus in the tomb? If not, do you have any verses supporting why not? What about 1 Pet. 3:18-20, did Jesus preach to the spirits in prison while he was in the tomb?

We have seen the powerful effect in successful reconciliations in getting parties to take time for a deep dive into Jesus' DBR. Much more research in applying Jesus DBR to conflict resolution needs to happen.