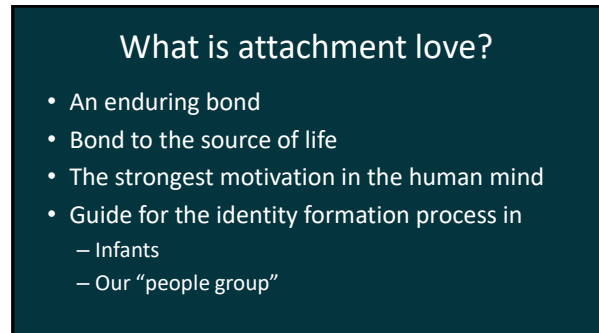
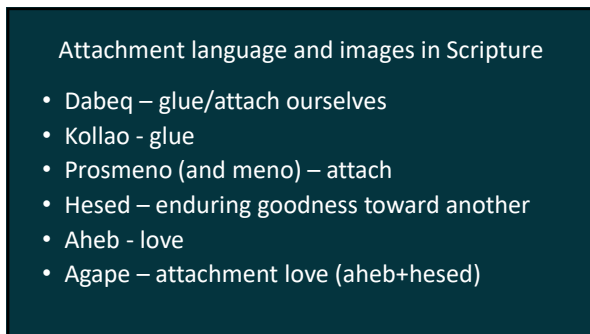


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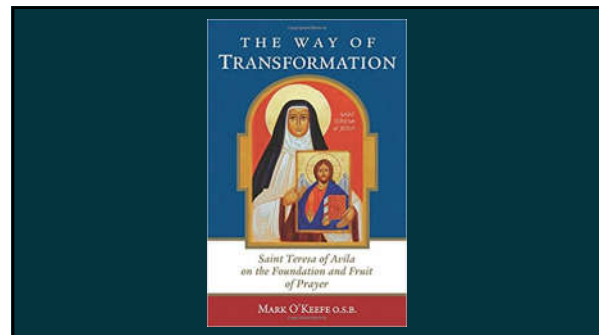
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Attachment love with seen and unseen beings

- If we cannot experience attachment love with people we can see how will we have attachment love for God who we cannot see?
- God's attachment love is the strongest
- Practicing attachment love with people makes attachment love a reality for the brain

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History of will and choice in theology

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History of the Will and Choice in Theology

- Heart and soul in scripture
- Faculties (including the will) and virtues
- Failure of faculties model BUT without a replacement

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What has not transformed us

- Truth
- Choice
- Power
- Tolerance

The Solution of Choice

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I think therefore I am Descartes

TRUTH

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Voluntarism (primacy of the will) Ames

CHOICE

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The Bible and William Ames is all we need

PILGRIMS



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Voluntarism

- Medieval psychology (self is the will)
- Reformed view of salvation and the will
- The Romantic Period
- The Second Great Awakening
- Salvation as a choice/decision for Christ
- Growth of American Voluntarism

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The will to power Nietzsche


POWER



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Accepting what we cannot change

TOLERANCE



John Locke
Thomas Jefferson
John Stuart Mill
Benedict de Spinoza
Voltaire
Immanuel Kant

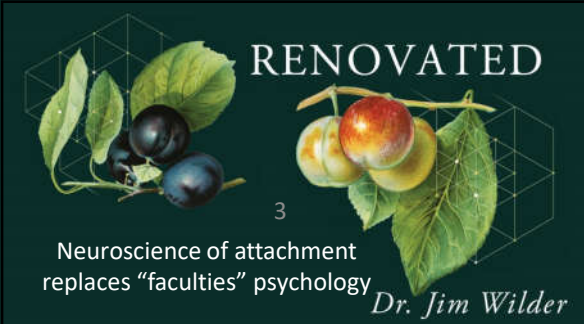
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Neuroscience of attachment
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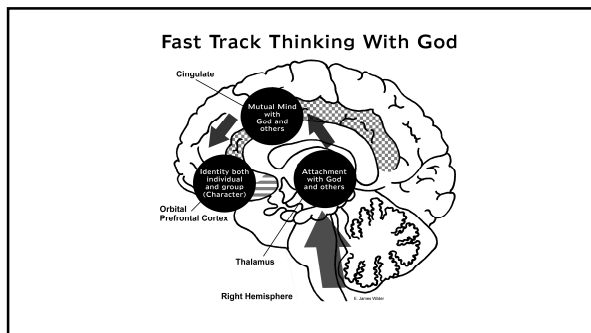


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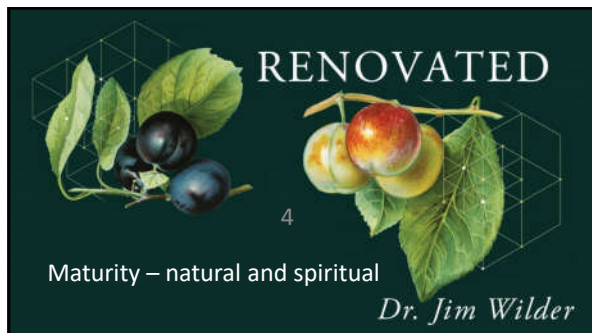
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- Bishop Nemesius of Emesa 1,600 years ago
- Slow track and fast track (master and steward)
- Mutual mind with God and others

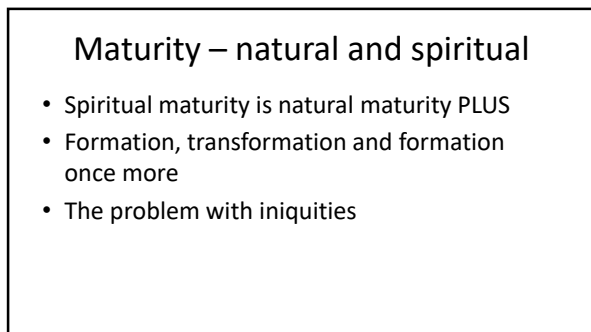
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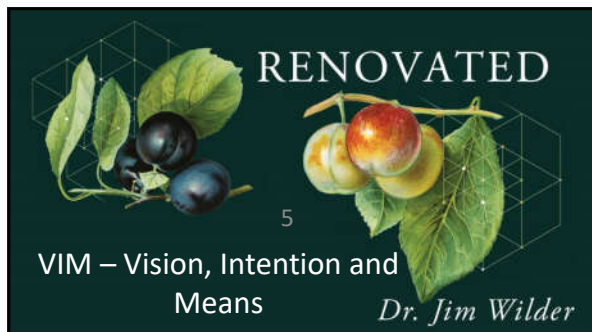
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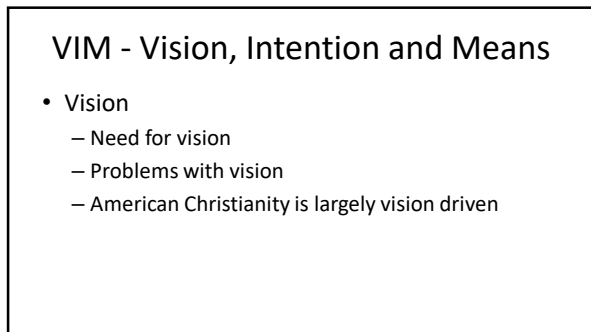
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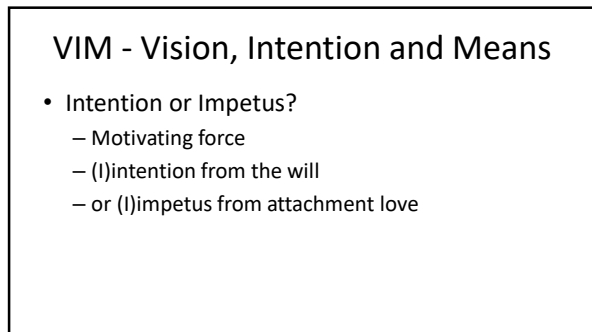
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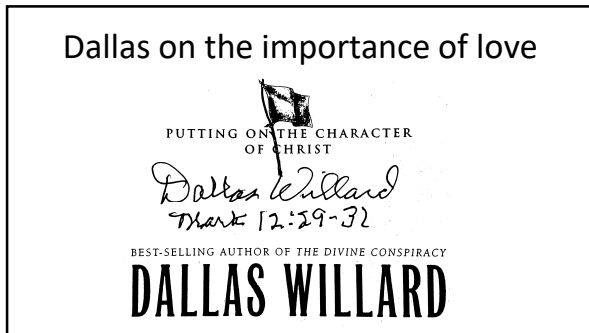
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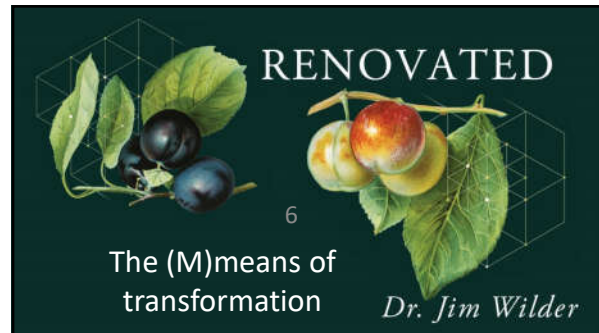
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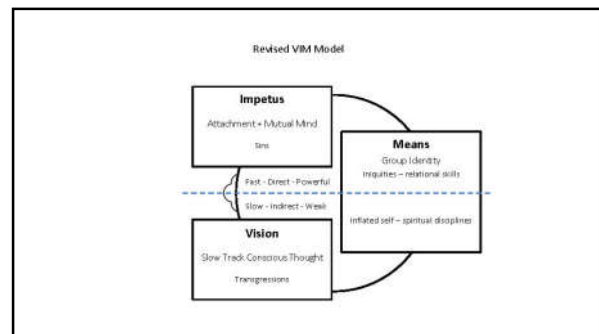
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- ### VIM – Means of transformation
- Slow track means
 - Many spiritual disciplines
 - Systematic theology, truth and choice
 - Fast track means
 - Examples from people we “attachment love”
 - Oral hermeneutics (Gospel as story)

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- ### The firewall in the fast track
- Attachment needed to open the firewall
 - Without attachment we enter enemy mode

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Revisiting the Great Commission

- Witnesses who make disciples (Matthew 28:16–20)
- Seeing what God sees (mutual mind)
 - Witness – mouth or eyes?
 - Judas (not Iscariot) (John 14:22)
 - Attachment love with God is needed to be witnesses
- Attachment love for my people
 - My disciples
 - Of all nations

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The 12 Attachment Practices 1

- **Connect us to the source of life (as through food and drink)**
 - Take the children to see a garden, orchard or farm. See how God feeds us.
 - Have everyone bring and share one “food from God” they enjoy.
 - Engage the discipline of fasting and be fed by God directly.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 2

- **Allow no substitutions – every attachment is unique to one being**
 - Create a spiritual family tree for your church. Does your church trace to Zwingli, Luther, St. Peter, Wesley?
 - Provide opportunities for each church participant to create their personal spiritual family tree.
 - Who is God adding to your spiritual family right now?
 - Engage the discipline of silence.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 3

- **See the other as special and mine (grace)**
 - After a time of thanksgiving and praise to God, have people tell others what God finds really special about that other person. Write that characteristic on a name tag and stick it on them.
 - In small groups of 3-5 listen for what God wants to grow in each member of the group. Commit to praying for that blessing to grow.
 - Engage the discipline of worship.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 4

- **Build through joy with someone who is delighted to be with us**
 - Sing to one another. Sing songs like, “The Servant Song” or “I Love You with the Love of the Lord.”
 - Have everyone share their face with Jesus and then use their face to bless every other person present.
 - Thank three people who have contributed to your spiritual maturity and tell them what you have grown as a result of their help.
 - Engage the discipline of celebration.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 5

- **Provide both relational joy and rest (peace)**
 - Create artwork, videos, songs and pictures of relational joy. Put this art on the church website and social media. Display relational joy pictures during services.
 - Arrange for every business in town (that will participate) to have a contest for pictures of relational joy and display entries and winners in the workplaces.
 - Notice who is getting tired at church and work as a group to give them a time of rest.
 - Engage the discipline of service.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 6

- **Develop mutual mind**
 - Create mutual mind with God from reading scripture.
 - Gather in groups of about five people.
 - Read a passage of scripture aloud once and only once.
 - Have each group recreate that passage from memory and write it down.
 - Each group answers the question, “What was God thinking when God inspired this passage?”
 - Ask, “What would be different if I thought that way?”
 - Pray for each other to think more like God thinks.
 - Engage the discipline of scripture meditation.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 7

- **Grow stronger by both moving closer and farther apart**
 - Have everyone go on a small “mission trip” outside our usual comfort zone this month.
 - Come back and tell what you saw God doing.
 - Repeat the “trip” a second and third time.
 - Engage the discipline of solitude.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 8

- **Grow stronger by sharing both positive and negative emotions**
 - Survey your group asking, “Which of the six unpleasant emotions do you use to build closer relationships?” The emotions are: sadness, fear, shame, disgust, anger and hopelessness.
 - Write any of the six emotions you use to improve attachments on a name tag.
 - Gather in small groups and give examples of using the six emotions to build love using the emotions listed on your name tag. Focus on:
 - Jesus’ presence in the emotion
 - The joy that resulted from using the emotion for better relationships
 - How you would do it even better next time
- Engage in the discipline of confession for the times we didn’t use unpleasant emotions to build better relationships.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 9

- **Help all parties feel stable and act like themselves**
 - Spiritual attacks hurt us most when what we value is despised, mislabeled and misunderstood. Sooner or later we will not want to care about whatever is most Christ-like in us. We will be tired of being hurt in that same spot over and over.
 - Help every participant identify the characteristic of Jesus in them that gets hurt most often.
 - Write that characteristic on your name tag, ask others about theirs and explain your own then pray for one another.
 - Make a church map of attributes of Christ that will need care and nurture.
 - Engage the discipline of fellowship.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 10

- **Provide both freedom and connection**
 - Use the theme of “nesting” to inspire art and creativity. This is a good way to reach both the community and the next generation with a message about freedom, connection and joy.
 - Share stories with each other of ways that others blessed you with freedom and connection during times of transition and growth.
 - Engage the discipline of chastity without which, building hewed attachment becomes a disaster.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 11

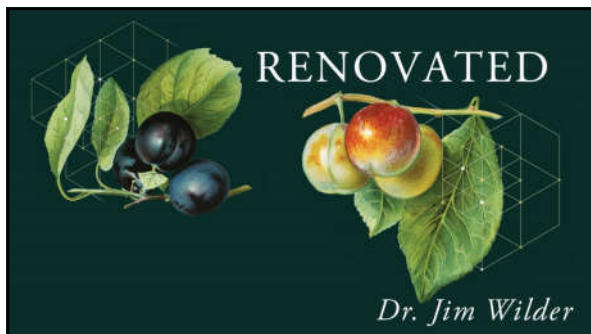
- **Stretch limits and capacities slightly to promote growth**
 - The Life Model provides stages of maturity (unborn, infant, child, adult, parent and elder). Use the model to:
 - Review where people are now in their maturity, what they need to learn next and what mature person has that skill.
 - Identify what maturity skills need more practice.
 - Recognize what skill each person has to train the “next generation”
 - Make personal commitments to receive, practice and give maturity skills.
 - Engage the discipline of frugality.

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The 12 Attachment Practices 12

- **Create an enduring people (i.e. families, tribes and nations)**
 - Every family of faith is in danger of being the last generation unless they actively engage in loving their enemies.
 - Help your church identify who feels like your “enemies” and what makes you want to withdraw or attack.
 - Spend time together in mutual mind with God and with each other to see personal (family), church, community and cultural “enemies” as God sees them.
 - Have each member of your church community make a step (that you support together) to make a personal attachment to an “enemy.” This can be an act of repentance, forgiveness or friendship.
 - Engage the discipline of sacrifice.

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