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1. Gratitude. Dalton & John Stevenson story - for credentials.
2. Gospel of John -
   a. Basic quest. + Good News (unlike St. Paul)
   b. Function of relig. - Witness to that.
   c. Truth sets free. Hope even when econ., domestic, soc., polit. oppression.
3. But what happens when relig. victimizes? Controls & oppresses by custom, that, structure. Then God's Wd. is judg. as well as freedom.
4. Such is our story. Man a victim.
   a. Personally. Cripple, depend, alone. Distances from God.
   b. May be faithful to syn. Little help. arrested. Sermons, budgets - - - -
   c. Hears a pool! Happening! Inactive at syn. now.
   d. Seeks to explicate relig.
5. Answer - Pool! always good when people desperate, & institut's say " Lord keep you warm. Feel deeply. Okra. Toddle House - (cock crow)
6. But new situation
   a. Struct. - Certain place, people, time.
   b. Cruel & vicious
      No worship, congate, no fellowship, 2 gps; success / failure; false starts, helps strong.
7. Jesus frees from both
   a. Sally. - Not apply to God.
   b. Pool - Not apply. Not even our doctrines of grace apply. Radical grace.
8. So - ?
   a. Embrace everything?
   b. Close ch + pool trust grace?
   c. Casual - prove trust grace?
   d. No. Wk w/ passion. Not crusade but agony. Institut - But Ever email, w/o anxiety. Pool -