

Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy. The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!” Luke 12:1-3 NLT

[lectio] // LUKE 12:1-12

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

The yeast of the Pharisees. Whoa. Yeast has used as an example of sin, so beware of the sin of the Pharisees. What was their sin? Pride, dualistic life, judgmental? Whatever it was, the Pharisees didn't realize it and/or was keeping it a secret. Jesus didn't tell us what it was. He just warned his friends, there is a time coming where ALL secrets will be known. Especially, but not exclusively, those things whispered in the dark and behind closed doors. Sounds like Alexa or Google Home, right? God is always listening and judging the things said and done in whispered darkness. And this part is not even HELL, it's just full disclosure of deeds. This is the embarrassment of God's light, not his judgement. I believe ALL will experience this. It really makes me think that confession is best done now, so that some know EVERYTHING. Who is safe with your secrets? Who can be trusted to know ALL the things secretly whispered in the dark? All will be exposed and NONE will be found innocent - except those who's secret sins have already been exposed to each other. Then, there's nothing that hasn't already been out. Is it possible that current confession lessens the shame on that day?

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Dad,

Yet another example of how we can love, care for and be honest with each other NOW through confession. Is it possible that this very humble act of exposure now LESSENS the shame of that day when ALL will be exposed, and shouted from the rooftops? Of course it will be devastating! Of course it will be shameful and embarrassing. No one WANTS to be exposed! But, if I confess to one another now, doesn't it feel as though I've already exposed my sin to those I love and who love me? Therefore knowing that some already know what a sinner I really am? Is this possible? Confess to one another!

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root