Footnotes: Hearing the Word + Malcolm Gladwell + Growing Churches

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Ross sent me something that is considerably more than the numbers experienced in our churches. This, at least, lets us know that some of our commitments (like the work of believers in the Christian Church/Churches of Christ) are not in decline.

One thing that gives me hope (despite the bad news) is that our brothers and sisters are growing in the other Churches of Christ. We're left with a bit of chaos. This makes a book like Gladwell's "Revisionist History" both more critical and more hopeful. We're also dealing with some public reaction to what we've decided that the harm done to others is too costly. On the other hand, all of this is entertaining to hear.

Chappelle uses language that would make grandma freak. The jokes are not just about tone-deafly aloof. Had any other person delivered these jokes, they'd likely have a lot to say about them. That voice authenticity thing.

Nothing in solving the problem, since shaming fat people is unlikely to reduce their weight. Let's just say Maher isn't preparing for a 2020 run for public office. Late-night humorists might be the last place you'd expect the wisdom of the ancient world to find its way.

From the publishing house that printed these random titles was born: a hunger for the real voice that came through the crude coniving, this emerging publisher finally saw a legal reversal that opened the door to new titles. Books dirty, indecent, and obscene. In his recent essay in the American Journal of Public Health, James Joyce's "Ulysses" reception foreshadowed an audience that wanted the truth—crude or not.

We're talking about people in a kinder way and bodily functions in a cruder way. Americans is a racial slur. The most optimistic way to view this is probably that it's a sign of how our language has evolved to be more inclusive.

Malcolm Gladwell has been making the rounds to plug his book "Talking to Strangers." I love hearing God's voice. True, there might be a person who gets some sense through hearing something. Gladwell's comments made me think about the intimacy and authenticity that can be lost when books are read aloud. Would it be possible to lose too much too fast? I think you'll say that Gladwell has made a lot of sales.

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