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Practice and Being Ready The last post on staying ready received more feedback than I anticipated. One reader contacted me through facebook asking for more help in how to stay ready and avoid being rusty when it has been months between preaching engagements. A few other readers contacted me through email wanting to know the same thing. To answer the question, I would say that there are two sides to being ready. First, one must have a fully prepared sermon. This sermon may be an outline or a manuscript. The preacher has gone through all the steps of exegesis which I have termed the four waves of Bible Exegesis and have turned that exegesis into a preachable sermon. Many do this, but wonder why this is not enough to stay in a state of readiness. The next step is to practice. You must perform your sermon even if the congregation is just the preacher. This practice should be both out-loud and complete. By complete I mean that you begin at the start of the sermon and preach all the way through the sermon. What you will find is that you will start to get a feel for the sermon. Not only that, you will find that the sermon is affecting you, sometimes I am in there shouting just to myself. Now when I say practice out-loud. I mean open your mouth and make some noise!! If you are nervous about others hearing your practice preaching out loud, then go in your car and preach there. It is different to preach out loud versus preaching in your mind. In fact, it would be better to go ahead and record yourself and analyze the output. Then you will hear the sermon at least twice. Certainly it is not exactly like preaching to a congregation, but it is the next best thing, and it will keep your preaching chops in shape in between preaching opportunities.

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Preaching Resources, Preaching Messages on participation. But in order for them to be effective in a contest they must practice. Without practice they don't.

Worship at a Kingdom Hall in Portugal. Meetings for worship and study are held at Kingdom Halls, and are open to the public. Witnesses are assigned to a congregation in which "territory" they reside and are expected to attend weekly meetings as scheduled by the Watch Tower Society and congregation elders. The meetings are largely devoted to study of the Bible and Witness doctrines. Meetings are opened and closed with hymns and brief prayers delivered from the platform. Witnesses are urged to prepare for all meetings by studying Watch Tower literature from which the content is drawn and looking up the scriptures cited in the articles. These larger gatherings are usually held at rented stadiums or auditoriums. Weekend meeting[edit] The weekend meeting, usually held on Sunday, comprises a minute public talk by a congregation elder or ministerial servant and a one-hour question-and-answer study of a Bible-based article from The Watchtower magazine, [10] with questions prepared by the Watch Tower Society and the answers provided in the magazine. Only those who believe they have a heavenly hope, the "remnant" those still living of the, "anointed", partake of the bread and wine. They do not believe in transubstantiation or consubstantiation. Each circuit comprises several congregations in a geographical area. These conventions consist primarily of Bible-based sermons, including demonstrations and experiences of their preaching work. They also often feature video presentations and live, full-costume dramatic plays re-enacting biblical accounts—such as Moses and the Plagues of Egypt, and Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah—or contemporary settings based on biblical principles. Every few years, "International Conventions" are held in selected cities, with visiting delegates from other countries. Attendance at some of these international conventions has exceeded one hundred thousand; the international convention in New York at Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds had a peak attendance exceeding, These individuals dedicate, on average, more than hours per month to their work. Witnesses are instructed to fill out monthly report slips on their preaching activity, [50] listing the hours spent, publications placed with householders, and the number of "return visits" made to households where interest had been shown formerly. Witnesses have, in the past, used a wide variety of methods to spread their faith, including information marches, where members wore sandwich boards and handed out leaflets, to sound cars car-mounted phonographs, and syndicated newspaper columns and radio segments devoted to sermons. Since, the Witnesses have engaged in "public witnessing" in metropolitan districts and fairs using tables, carts, and literature displays. Watch Tower Society literature[edit] See also: The publications are produced in many languages, with a small selection available in languages. Their primary journal, The Watchtower is published simultaneously in nearly two hundred languages and, along with Awake! Issues of both publications are compiled annually into bound volumes, and are added yearly to the Watchtower Library CD-ROM, which contains many Witness publications from onward, and is officially available to baptized members only. Some of these also provide dramas based on biblical accounts. Since all Watch Tower literature has been published anonymously. The change in policy was first announced in the United States in February, following the loss of a case before the US Supreme Court by Jimmy Swaggart Ministries on the issue of sales tax exemption for religious groups. They will be expected to attend meetings at the Kingdom Hall and must also demonstrate a willingness to carry out the doorstep ministry. At these baptisms, candidates make "public declaration" of their prior dedication to God. Conversion is not represented as something which happened to them; it is framed as something that they achieved. I had plenty of objections and was sure the Witnesses were wrong, but the Witness leading the personal Bible study sessions showed me how the facts of the Bible could not be faulted". Witnesses consider their baptisms to be ordinations; unbaptized publishers are considered "regular ministers" whereas baptized publishers are considered "ordained ministers". Outside the congregation, a female minister also wears a head covering when she leads spiritual teaching in the presence of her husband, according to the Christian complementarian view. Female headcovering is not required for other forms of teaching, or when participating in congregation meetings being led by another. In the event that an accusation

of serious sin is made concerning a baptized member, if there is sufficient evidence, a tribunal or judicial committee is formed to determine guilt, administer help and possibly apply sanctions. Disfellowshipping is the most severe form of discipline administered. Before taking this step, the judicial committee must determine that the individual has committed a "serious sin" and that there is no evidence of true repentance. In these cases, the Witness is not permitted to speak about religious matters, except in the case of parents conducting a Bible study with a disfellowshipped minor. Ones considered "truly repentant" are reproved rather than disfellowshipped. If the sin is private in nature, the reproof would involve just the individual s involved. If the sin is known generally by the entire congregation or the community, an announcement is made informing the congregation that the person has been reproved. Later, without disclosing names or private details, one of the elders gives a separate talk ensuring that the congregation understands the sin, its dangers, and how to avoid it. The duration of restrictions depends on the elders. One cannot "pioneer" or "auxiliary pioneer" for at least one year after reproof is given. Congregation members limit social contact with that person. The purpose of this is to shame the person into correcting their actions. The husband is considered the final authority of family decisions, as the head of his family. Marriages must be monogamous. Wives should be submissive to their husbands and husbands are to have deep respect and love for their wives. He should not hurt or mistreat his family in any way. The father should be hard-working in providing necessities to his family. He must also provide for them in a spiritual capacity. This includes religious instruction for the family, and taking the lead in preaching activities. Parental discipline for children should not be in a harsh, cruel way. Children are instructed to obey their parents. Married couples are encouraged to speak with local elders if they are having problems. Abortion is considered murder. Entertainment promoting immoral, "demonic", or violent themes is considered inappropriate. Members are warned that personal grooming such as beards, long hair or earrings for men, or other styles of dress or grooming might "stumble" the consciences of others.

3: "Now That's Preaching!": Disruptive and Generative Preaching Practices | PracticalMattersJ

Marking Valid Practice "Now that's preaching!" is a declaration. The utterance affirms that the words proclaimed, movements made, and the listening undertaken work together in such a way that they are recognizable and received as something distinct.

This essay explores how bodies of difference participate in preaching alongside of these limiting narratives, while listeners receive their messages as effective. The preaching of Black women is examined as a specific instance of this type of preaching. Theories of social practice are offered as interdisciplinary conversation partners for homiletic discourse in order to frame preaching as a practice. The utterance affirms that the words proclaimed, movements made, and the listening undertaken work together in such a way that they are recognizable and received as something distinct. The witness who makes this declaration marks the conglomeration of what was experienced as legitimate and valid. The orchestrated performance of the whole, including its content, matches up to something identifiable and accepted by the listener. Together, proclaimers and listeners affirm preaching has occurred and mark their experience. For this marking of experience to take place, there must exist a tentatively shared, even if illusory, understanding of preaching and its aims. Preaching within a community connects to what has come long before that particular community and extends far past any particular gathering of individuals. The recognition of valid preaching simultaneously constructs a boundary that marks invalid practice. The body is not incidental to preaching but central to it. In this regard, certain bodies do not signal for the community that preaching is taking place; therefore, they are not markers of the performance. Historically, particular bodies have been excluded from the practice of preaching; yet these bodies of difference find a way not only to preach but also to gain a listening from those gathered. The intent is to attend to the wit and know-how of preachers, who preach across and within spaces of difference, for the purpose of learning from their practices. This is agential capacity. A preacher demonstrates agential capacity as she makes decisions and uses communal expectations for her own preaching purposes. The expectations of preaching may be reframed as the field that structures preaching as a practice. For de Certeau, individuals are tactical or calculative in their everyday practices of life when they manipulate and wittily engage the system and its structures. These actions would be more strategic and intentional than the individual actions of those with less power. Therefore, tactics, their inherent creativity and agency, become one way of understanding how individuals operate and find ways to navigate specific prescriptions of preaching, namely the prescribed strategies of preaching within their contexts of ministry. In an effort to demonstrate how these constructs create building blocks for homiletic theory, I move from considering bodies of difference generically to considering Black preaching women as particular bodies of difference. Their preaching practices are often in juxtaposition to the image of the Black preacher, which is overwhelmingly associated with the Black male and a particular performance of masculinity. Also, the image of the Black preacher does not escape racist stereotypes of Black performance. The image of the Black preacher presents a male with rhetorical prowess, a voice of thunder, and the ability to move the community to ecstasy highs while weaving together the life of the text and life in the world. Thus, it links the practice of preaching to masculinity. As these women continue to participate within these communities and these understandings of preaching, they are inextricably a part of a system. However, as they are embedded within the structures of these communities, they also creatively engage the power postulated by the tradition and its guardians. Their preaching is the tactical expression of their own creativity and ingenuity. This creativity and ingenuity is significant because they are expressions of agency. If we gloss over these practices, we simultaneously miss the opportunity to learn from and more fully understand these preaching practices. Arguably, the presence of normative narratives that create centers and margins are narratives we seek to correct and subvert in homiletic theories and justice-seeking practices. Such binary responses do not consider the possibility of a body of difference doing both, neither, or some of these in her preaching. Instead, it contends that a woman will seek justice or she will not seek justice. Applying these categories to the preaching of Black women potentially forces an essentialism within the experiences of these women that does not account for complexity in their preaching.

Marla Frederick engages similar ideas of creativity and agency as it relates to the spirituality of African American women specifically. These women creatively inhabit the norms of Black religious life, expressing agentive capacity as their spirituality influences their engagement in the public and private spheres of everyday life. Attending to Particular Preaching Practices To some extent, preaching as a historical practice shapes the structures of its practice and those structures postulate power. However, preaching is both a product of environments and their histories, and a tool by which bodies of difference engage their environments. The established image of the Black preacher continues to advance an understanding and practice of preaching in the flesh, and in this regard continues to reinforce these same established images and practices of Black preaching. Depictions of the Black male as preacher and the safeguarding of male privilege within Black churches regulate the framework of preaching. The framework creates a largely unvaried understanding of Black preaching within its various contexts of depiction while it continues alongside the larger ongoing practice of preaching. Black women also engage and participate in this understanding when they preach. Women, who preach within these traditions, constantly imagine and invent their sermons in conversation with and in juxtaposition to the tradition; this requires both creativity and ingenuity. Roxanne Mountford describes her experience seeing the Black jeremiad engendered by Reverend Barb, who had been recently elected as the pastor in an African American congregation. In this way, Rev. Barb established her presence as pastor and preacher in a new congregation. After leading the congregation in song, The sermon was built on a series of stories designed to illustrate her point. She preached the first part in her quiet, alto voice, talking in a matter-of-fact tone, behind the pulpit. But as she preached, she became more animated, her voice speeding up and slowing down to emphasize points. Fifteen minutes into the sermon she abandoned the manuscript and began to walk first out from behind the pulpit, then in front of the pulpit, then slowly down the center aisle. Who will join the church today? She powerfully shifts from a quieter voice to build up to a more direct speech. There is the presence of rhythm, cadence, and intonation for emphasis. Her celebration culminates as she extends an invitation to discipleship. Barb demonstrates an awareness and participation in the strategies and structures of valid preaching practice within the community. In a follow-up interview with Mountford, Rev. Barb acknowledges the tradition and, to some degree, embodies and practices it while also acknowledging her boundaries and the extent to which she will engage it. Barb is keenly aware of the tradition of Black preaching, and as we see in the excerpt above, she utilizes aspects of its practice in her own preaching. At the same time, she is styling the tradition in ways that make use of the power inherent within this tradition of preaching in very different ways creative tactics. Barb is using the traditional practice and expectation of Black preaching for her own purposes. In other words, Rev. Barb utilizes her creative wit and know-how in and for preaching as she establishes herself as preacher and pastor within a community that is resistant to her presence. Her use of preaching creates room for her body in the practice of preaching. They make preaching their own as they retain its identifiable parts while creatively, artistically, strategically or by happenstance showing forth the malleability of these parts. Yet, others are still able to receive these inventions as preaching. Black women, who preach as bodies of difference, simultaneously stand in a place of difference and make anew something old in a way that it can be received across difference. In this regard, preaching both disrupts communal expectations and is generative as it makes room for different bodies to mark valid practice. The structures frameworks of expectation themselves belie their ability to remain fixed and non-moveable. Their inability to remain fixed and non-movable pushes preaching as a practice, the preacher, and the community onward and into the purpose of preaching itself. Preaching is the means by which preaching fulfills its own virtue. In writing about why constructs of practice matter for preaching, James Nieman describes a practice as being related to its own aims. A practice marked as valid, or considered to have met its aims, is connected to the purpose of the practice not separate from its purpose. Meaningful practices push past any admiration of emulation to implement ends beyond themselves. At its core, preaching is a theological and ethical practice. Exploration and Practice, 4th ed. A Study in Method, Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, The pulpit is also a structure and sign that marks the authority of the one who has the ability to carry out the practice. To be sure these gendered hierarchies do not escape the intersections of heterosexism, racism, ableism, or classism that exist within homiletic discourse. And this primary concern is one that has theological

and ethical implications related to the aims and purposes of preaching as a faith practice. Interpreting preaching as I have done up to this point does not afford us a complete re-writing of normative preaching narratives and expectations. It still renders some bodies different without transforming problematic paradigms. However, framing preaching in conversation with these theories of practice does preclude homiletic theory from discarding the preaching of practitioners who do not fit our normative understandings of preaching. Photo by Alicia Colon, Notes Here I am considering preaching as a particular type of genre. Generic criticism as a particular form of rhetorical criticism. Choosing among Five Approaches, 2nd ed. Westminster John Knox Press, , Recently homiletic discourse has explicitly engaged preaching as a form of practice. Thomas Long and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale bring together homileticians in one volume to reflect on how preaching framed first as a practice reshapes the aims and approaches of pedagogy. For more on preaching as Christian practice see Thomas G. Long and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, eds. A New Approach to Homiletical Pedagogy, 1st ed. Westminster John Knox Press, University of California Press, , I use this phrase in recognition that every performance of masculinity does not count and is not recognized within the historical image of the Black preacher. One has to note the intersection of sexuality and the performance of masculinity as it relates to the male bodies that are historically allowed to occupy pulpit space in Black worship spaces and those who are restricted from pulpit space but readily accepted to perform as ministers of worship or music. Judson Press, , The marks of leadership, communication, and rhetorical prowess exhibited by the slave preacher can be identified with prominent public preacher figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr.

4: Practice | Soul Preaching

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Preaching on Capital Punishment "The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. Louis, MO, January 27, Introduction Preaching the Gospel of Life in our day necessarily involves preaching about the death penalty. The cry to abolish capital punishment has become louder both within and outside the Church in recent years, and throughout the world. We are at a moment of collective insight, whereby we see the need to challenge and change a deeply-rooted practice in our society, that it might be more fully conformed to the Lord of Life. Nevertheless, such a homily is an opportunity to clarify some basic misconceptions and challenge some widespread myths. Then, we can show how the very action of the liturgy calls us -- and all society -- to a higher response to the reality of evil and crime. The latter is an absolute "no" to an action that no circumstances can justify. The former is a judgment about circumstances that dictate that an action should not be performed, even if there can be instances in which the State has the right to do so. To point out that the State has the right and duty to protect her citizens from harm, and that the Church indeed teaches that there are carefully defined circumstances in which the death penalty can, theoretically, be justified, is important to answer, in advance, the objections of those who might otherwise reject the entire message. Motives for re-thinking the practice Human problems call for humane solutions. Our problems are not solved by eliminating people at any stage or circumstance of life. We live in a culture of death. To change it, we are called to absorb violence, not inflict it. This lesson is imparted in every liturgy. Christ freely gave His life on the cross in an act that absorbed the violence of every sin ever committed. He was able to forgive those who crucified Him, precisely because He wanted to save them from the evil they had done, rather than to let that evil consume both them and Him. Christians, likewise, are called to absorb violence. This is not the same as calling good evil and evil good. It is, rather, to live out a new pattern of dealing with evil, a pattern that Jesus introduced by His life and death, and that He both instructs and empowers us to live. According to this new pattern, we understand that those who do evil, even directed against us, are not our enemies, but rather captives of the enemy. What we ultimately want is not simply to free ourselves from the consequences of their actions, but to free them from the consequences of their actions. These brothers and sisters of ours do not lose their human dignity because of their crimes, any more than a sick person loses his dignity because of his sickness, or an unborn child because of his age. The time has come for our nation, and for each of us individually, to realize that nothing is solved by putting criminals to death. The victims do not come back to life, the wounds we have are not healed, and we are all diminished in the process. Death, whether of an unborn child or of a convicted criminal, does not bring us closer to a civilization of love, but rather feeds the mistaken and dangerous notion that killing is a solution to our problems. Other motives Along with the doctrinally based spiritual motives for rejecting capital punishment, the homilist can mention the other common concerns about its use, including a the significant number of wrongly accused criminals on Death Row who have been proven innocent; b its failure to deter serious crime or to alleviate the fear of crime; c its disproportionate use on racial and ethnic minorities and the poor. Practical action We are all called to build the Culture of Life. As opponents of the death penalty, we should be reminded of the many opportunities we have to communicate our convictions to elected officials, and to the public through editorials and participation in prayerful rallies and public petitions. We can support and work for the implementation of alternative measures for criminals, such as life imprisonment without parole. Standing with the families of the victims is a key companion to opposition to the death penalty. Practical outreach and support for them is both a demand of Christian life and a witness to the proper understanding of our position. Finally, our Lord has commanded that we pray for those

who have hurt us. When people are tempted to regard the death penalty as a solution, or to fan the flames of vengeance in their hearts, they should be urged to pray specifically and explicitly for those who have committed violent crime. A perfect time to do precisely that is within the very liturgy at which this message is preached. For more information, visit www.

5: Preaching Participation

1 Preaching Empowerment, Practicing Participation The use of empowerment and citizen participation in Dutch local democracies EGPA , Toulouse, France.

It was very comprehensive and enlightening as well as inspiring for the participants. It is still applicable today. Bishop Morneau has given us permission to share this summary of his article on preaching. Other preaching resources are listed at the end of this essay. The Principles outlined are: Preaching is an invitation to continue the Mission of Jesus by calling people to a community of faith and love through conversion. We are asked to treat one another as brothers and sisters and become one. The truth we speak as preachers would bring people into unity. Preachers of the Gospel will have a great love and devotion for preaching the Word of God without reservation. Jesus is our model for this. This can be done in a variety of ways, through the media, pulpit preaching, and in gatherings of people who share their faith, hope and love. Preaching must be grounded in a solid spiritual foundation in order to influence the lives of people. The message of the preacher must spring from true holiness of life. Preaching also helps the preacher grow in holiness and reveal the face of God to our world. The preached word must come from reflection on the Scripture rooted in a life of spiritual energy and grace. Preaching was a very special ministry of Jesus. The God of Jesus is a God of love. The same must be true of the life of the preacher. Jesus offered a vision for life that he lived and shared with his followers. His life reflected the words that he spoke. Preaching calls the preacher to proclaim, interpret and illustrate the Word of God. The Word is relevant when it is the bearer of the power of God and leads people to belief. Preaching is the art of using words that are graced with the power of God. The people leaving the church after a liturgy will reflect what they have achieved and the motivation to live the Gospel that they have heard proclaimed. The homily can be enhanced through appropriate stories and images. They can spark the imagination and heart and help people look at their experiences in a new way. Preaching demands that the preacher be able to adapt language used for diverse audiences and circumstances that are often present in congregations today. Preaching must communicate truth that touches the heart of the listeners and calls them to action. They must be encouraged to go deeper into the meaning of the Word and then put it into action. The disposition of the preacher and audience has an influence on the sermon preached. This calls both preacher and participants to prepare their minds and hearts to be open and receptive and responsive to the Word that is preached. Preaching is a privilege and responsibility. Remember we all carry the Good News of Jesus, who is ever ready to walk with us through all the ups and downs of life. We recall that today, many people are hungering for hope and healing and a nourishing Word. We cannot disappoint them. It is a great privilege and opportunity to satisfy their heart and spirit hungers. Let us begin today with courage and hope. Other good resources for preaching are Fr. Greg Heille, OP, [www. Heille.com](http://www.Heille.com) is the Promoter of Preaching for St. Albert the Great Province and provides many good resources for preaching. Another recent article on preaching can be found in August issue of *Sojourners*, written by Brad Braxton, teacher of homiletics at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Don Goergen, OP also frequently writes articles on preaching. Dominican Preaching Archive Preaching is at the heart of the Dominican vocation. The Dominican Leadership Conference claims for all members of the Dominican Family the right to preach, and commits itself to the struggle this claim entails. The injustices of our day compel us to place the charism of preaching at the service of the poor and powerless. The Dominican prophetic message, rooted in experience, study and prayer, will move both preachers and hearers of the word to act for the transformation of oppressive structures. The Conference on its part will act corporately, confronting evil with the Gospel and working for the construction of a just world order. We embrace the mission of preaching for justice with a commitment to act in collaboration with one another and all those with and among whom we minister Dominican Leadership Conference The latest additions are shown first. Click on an article title below to view it.

6: From Performative to Participatory Preaching | In the Meantime

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8: Jehovah's Witnesses practices - Wikipedia

Hence, participatory preaching - preaching, that is, that involves us in these tasks, giving us guidance, instruction, and concrete examples of what this looks like, while also providing us with the opportunity to practice the skills essential to living a Christian life in the world.

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