



DANGEROUS BOOK

TODAY! Dangerous Winds - How is your spirit? Are you running on empty a lot of the time? Or maybe you're "fine!" What about those around you? The U.S. Surgeon General named this as a moment of existential change. Turns out we aren't the first generation to face threatening winds or to respond with desperation, denial and despair. From cover to cover, the Bible reveals a Spirit that fills generations of empty tanks with power that didn't (and doesn't) seem possible or deserved. What spirit do we inherit from these ancestors? Could it be just the kind of dangerous we need right now?

WELCOME!

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with others and that mysterious element we often call the third strand, or "God." Learn more about Fabric at www.FabricMpls.com

Is today your first visit? Welcome! Come say hi and choose a gift at the ? table after the gathering.

Got Babies? Hang out with them in The Nest (Media Center) and watch the livestream to stay connected. The Nest is also available for drop off (6mos-3yrs).

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here!
Take a seat, get comfortable, have a cup of coffee.
It's time to do some weaving!

- Music by Chris Tripolino & the Fabric Band
- Welcome and Say Hi
- Message - Melissa Lock
- Connecting with & supporting Fabric
- More music & closing thoughts

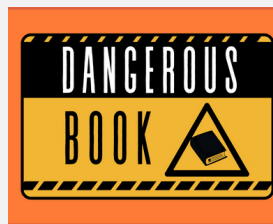
FABRIC KIDS TODAY



Go Beyond with Trust! We can remember all the ways that we are strong and wise and loved and that can help us to have the power to **GO BEYOND AND TRUST!**

Start with your family in the Commons and then Pre-K through 5th grade will head to the music room!

NEXT SUNDAY!



Dangerous Blessings
What do you think "being blessed" means? Is it about securing the space around you, or could it be about creating more space for you and for those around you? Join us!

Want to hear a message you missed, re-listen, or share it with someone? Go to www.fabricmpls.podbean.com



SPRING GIVING CHALLENGE - ONE WEEK LEFT! Our goal by May 7th is to have at least **85 participants contribute to:** 1) raise **\$30K in one-time gifts**, and 2) increase **autogiving by at least \$800/month**, from new or current autogivers, to help close our deficit in this area.

Let us know how you'll participate in helping Fabric reach one or both of our goals by **scanning the QR code** or **emailing your plans** to katy@fabricmpls.com. Thank you for supporting Fabric!



Join a Fabric Group!

A Fabric Group is any group of people meeting regularly to practice and connect around our shared Fabric conversations. They meet regularly at a variety of times and in ways that work for them. Email melissa@fabricmpls.com to learn more!

Two ways the Bible can be dangerous...

God's Spirit: that which WEAVES LIFE.

This power is not just OUT THERE. It is INSIDE US. It is both WONDEROUS and DANGEROUS.

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life... [Deuteronomy 30:19](#)

The Bible shows us people wrestling with what to do with their freedom and power. Misusing it. Forgetting they have it. Forgetting what it was for and where it came from. *And* learning to use it to weave life more and more deeply.

What is it like to live with this life-weaving Spirit in and around us?

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones ([Ezekiel 37](#))

This is one of many reminders in the Bible that **there are no circumstances out of which life can't be woven.** And that you and I are a part of the weaving!

You will feel UNSURE. And you TAKE A STEP anyway.

The story of Nicodemus - 3 glimpses in the Gospel of John

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night... Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. [John 3:1-2, 7-8](#)

Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus earlier and was both a ruler and a Pharisee, spoke up. "Does our Law decide about a man's guilt without first listening to him and finding out what he is doing?" But they cut him off. "Are you also campaigning for the Galilean? [John 7:50-52](#)

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came... They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. [John 19:39-40](#)

There is no FORCING.

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice...
[Hosea 6.6](#) (See also! [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#))*

HOPE is REALIZED together.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."... As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." -[John 20:19-23](#)

HOMEWORK: Take a R.O.A.M. through a reading this week! Read. Observe, read again, make notes. Apply what you found to your life or our world. Meditate - sit with the experience for a quiet moment and let it sink in.

Here are five ideas: 1) [Deuteronomy 30:19](#) 2) [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) 3) [Luke 15:11-32](#) 4) [John 20](#) 5) [Matthew 5:3-12](#)