

Resources mentioned during 2023 BTC with Dr. Catherine Meeks

David White *Start Close In*

Text of poem: <https://stevenkharper.com/startclosein.html>

Audio of poem: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=030YqrN4Sfc>

David Whyte *Sometimes*

Text of poem: <https://www.pottersinn.com/moment-to-breathe-1/jkz956c5dafjamxf456x42kbpbcy6y>

Audio of poem: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=469467607104905>

David Whyte *Sweet Darkness*

Text and audio of poem: <https://onbeing.org/poetry/sweet-darkness/>

Wendell Berry *The Hidden Wound*

<https://www.counterpointpress.com/books/the-hidden-wound/>

Pauli Murray *Dark Testament*

Text and audio of poem: <https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/news-and-ideas/pauli-murray-reads-dark-testament>

Virginia Hamilton *The People Could Fly*

<https://www.virginiahamilton.com/virginia-hamilton-books/the-people-could-fly/>

Zora Neale Hurston *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

<https://www.virginiahamilton.com/virginia-hamilton-books/the-people-could-fly/>

Howard Thurman *Backs Against the Wall*

Documentary: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVl\\_irB59IM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVl_irB59IM)

Rainer Maria Rilke      *Letter to a Young Poet*

Book: [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/46199.Letters\\_to\\_a\\_Young\\_Poet](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/46199.Letters_to_a_Young_Poet)

Text of letters: <https://kbachuntitled.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/rainer-maria-rilke-letters-to-a-young-poet.pdf>

Henri J.M. Nouwen      *The Wounded Healer*

<https://henrinouwen.org/read/the-wounded-healer/>

\*The full text of the MLK quote she referenced in Plenary #2:

**The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks from the pulpit on courage, Selma, AL, March 8, 1965.**

Deep down in our non-violent creed is the conviction there are some things so dear, some things so precious, some things so eternally true, that they're worth dying for. And if a man happens to be 36-years-old, as I happen to be, some great truth stands before the door of his life--some great opportunity to stand up for that which is right.

A man might be afraid his home will get bombed, or he's afraid that he will lose his job, or he's afraid that he will get shot, or beat down by state troopers, and he may go on and live until he's 80. He's just as dead at 36 as he would be at 80. The cessation of breathing in his life is merely the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit. He died...

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.

So we're going to stand up amid horses. We're going to stand up right here in Alabama, amid the billy-clubs. We're going to stand up right here in Alabama amid police dogs, if they have them. We're going to stand up amid tear gas!

We're going to stand up amid anything they can muster up, letting the world know that we are determined to be free!