

# The Tears of Things and the Prophets

Hearing God's Voice in a  
Wounded World

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# Voices Shaping Our Vision

- **Abraham Joshua Heschel** – Prophets feel God's pathos
- **Walter Brueggemann** – Prophetic imagination awakens vision
- **Richard Rohr** – Prophets live from sacred grief and create "holy disorder"





# Heschel: The Pathos of God

- God's emotions are real and urgent
- Prophets embody divine sorrow
- Heschel: "some of the most disturbing people"





# Brueggemann: Prophetic Imagination

- Prophets dismantle dominant narratives
- They imagine new possibilities and speak them into being
- Use poetry, metaphor, lament to break numbness





# Rohr:

## The Tears of Things

- True vision is born of woundedness and reconciliation
- Prophets embrace suffering and beauty: order, disorder, reorder
- Contemplation fosters compassion
- We work from lament toward integration







# Becoming a Prophetic People

## Practices of Prophetic Living

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- **Feel Deeply** – Share God's anguish & joy (Heschel)
- **Speak Imaginatively** – Use creative truth-telling (Brueggemann)
- **Live Compassionately** – Act with contemplative clarity (Rohr)