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“I wanted to do one piece about human beings and their struggle with each other. We cannot go into life alone, without people. But we are together so we become each other’s cage.”

(Tehching Hsieh, as quoted in Francky Knapp’s article “For a Year, They Lived Tied Together with 8 Feet of Social Distance” on messynessychic.com, June 17, 2020)







“This piece is about being like an animal, naked. We cannot hide our negative sides. We cannot be shy. It’s more than just honesty — we show our weakness.”

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“I feel as if I’ve dredged up ancient rages and frustrations this year...On the other hand, because I believe that everything we do is art—fighting, eating, sleeping—then even the negativities are raised to the dignity of art.”

(Linda Montano, as quoted in Eliza Swann’s article “Moving Through the Rupture: Tehching Hsieh and Linda Montano Revisit *Rope Piece*” on momus.ca, March 4, 2026)





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Hosea 1:2-3 (ESV): “When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.’ 3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.”



Hosea 6:6-7 (ESV): “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. 7 But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.”



Hosea 2:5-7 (ESV): “Ftheir mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’ 6 Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. 7 She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, ‘I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.’”



**Hosea 3:1-3 (ESV): “And the Lord said to me, ‘Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.’
2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. 3 And I said to her, ‘You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.’”**



Hosea 11:8-9 (ESV): “How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.”



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Main Point:

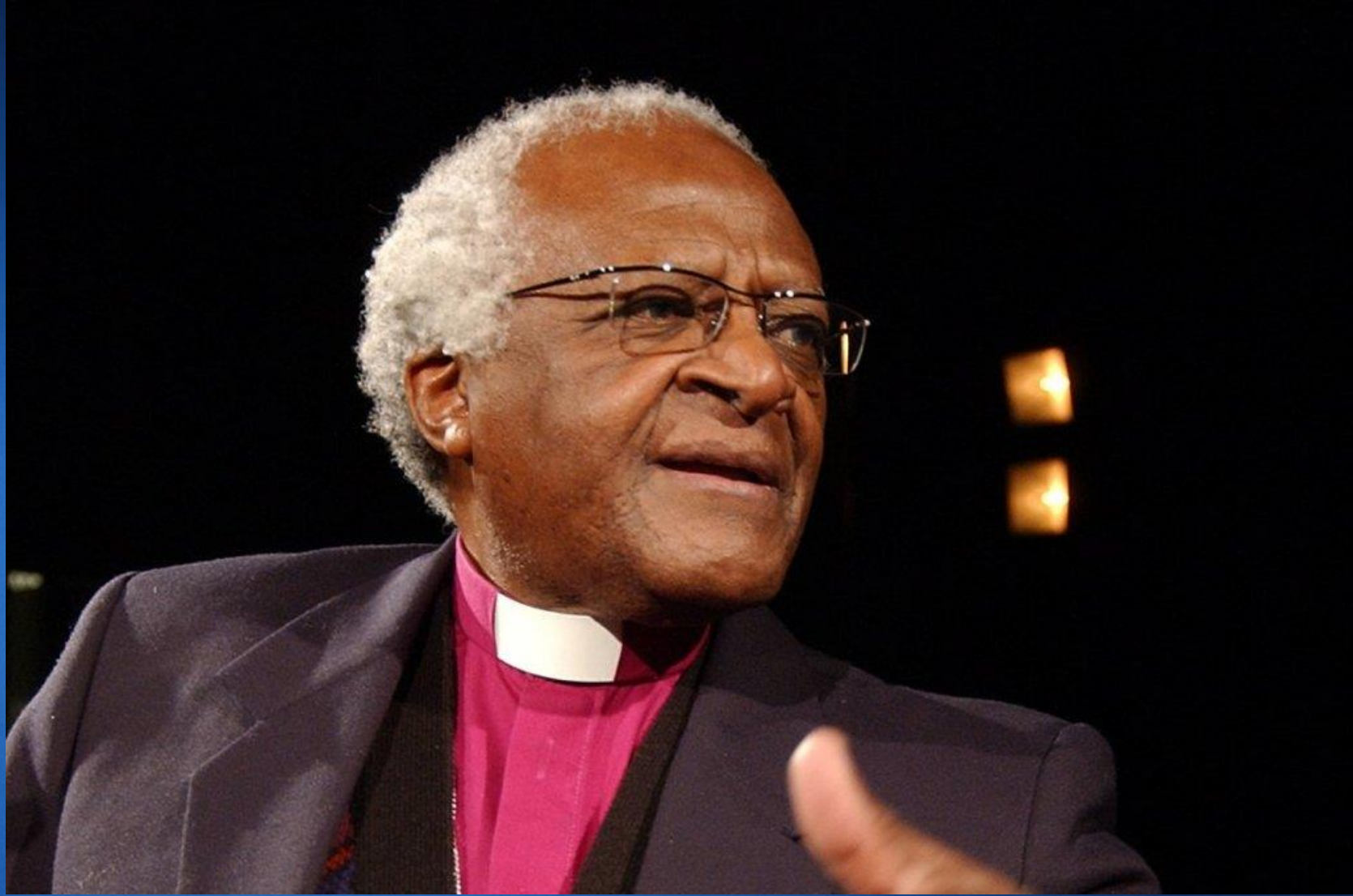
MERCY

OFTEN BRINGS

CONTROVERSY.







Luke 7:48-50 (ESV): “And [Jesus] said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ 49 Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this, who even forgives sins?’ 50 And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’”



Acts 16:31 (ESV): “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.””



Luke 15:1-2 (ESV): “Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”



Hosea 2:19 (ESV): “I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.”



Jude 21-22 (ESV): “Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt.”



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APPLICATION:

BE A LIVING

METAPHOR TOO,

BECAUSE IT'S

BETTER FOR YOU.



2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (ESV): “You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. 3 And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”



Hebrews 13:5 (ESV): “For he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”



Lamentations 3:22 (ESV): “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.”



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