



**EPISODE TITLE: "Called for Good Reason"**

Into This World, Episode 3

**Featured Guest: Jack Levison**

Called a "brilliant and spirited theologian" by author Phyllis Tickle, Jack Levison has a passion for ideas and an obsession with writing. Raised in a small tract house in Levittown, New York, Jack left to attend Wheaton College, where his Greek professor captured his imagination with visions of Cambridge University. When he returned from England to pursue doctoral studies at Duke University, Jack fell in love with a divinity student, Priscilla Pope, alongside of whom he now teaches at Seattle Pacific University. Jack is an internationally recognized scholar, whose books have received wide acclaim. Scot McKnight, author of *The Jesus Creed*, characterized *Filled with the Spirit* as "the benchmark and starting point for all future studies of the Spirit," and Walter Brueggemann hailed it as "inspired." Already Eugene Peterson has called his next book, *Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life*, "a rare and remarkable achievement." To support his writing obsession, Jack has received grants from the National Humanities Center, the Lilly Fellows Program, the Louisville Institute, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, the International Catacomb Society, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Questions:**

1. What has God called you to that has set you free? Has your calling required boldness, humility or some combination?
2. What meaning do you find in the qualities of the suffering servant? How does the story of Janusz Korczak embody clear vocation and intimacy with God in the face of increasing opposition?

**Pneuma Divina Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9**

<p>42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it</p>	<p>and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righ- teousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the peo- ple, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dun- geon, from the prison those who sit in dark- ness. 8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.</p>
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