

Out of My Mind: Parish Book Study – Session 2

Guiding Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:14-16

¹⁴ Now the body is not a single part, but many. ¹⁵ If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. ¹⁶ Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." ²² Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, ²³ and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, ²⁴ whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, ²⁵ so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. ²⁶ If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Events / Themes:

Melody gets Medi-Talker (Elvira)
Melody creates a library of words and phrases
Melody is persecuted by classmates and teachers
Melody struggles with belonging / fitting in
Melody prepares for the competition

Characters

Catherine (classroom assistant)
Mrs Gordon (language arts teacher)
Mr. Dimming (quiz team advisor)
Rose
Paul (stage manager)

"I'm not trying to be mean – honest – but it just never occurred to me that Melody had thoughts in her head." – Claire

"What would you do if you could fly?" Mrs V asks as she glances from the bird to me.... "I'd be scared to let go," I type. "Afraid you'd fall?" she asks. "No. Afraid it would feed so good, I'd just fly away." – Mrs. V and Melody after watching a goldfinch.

"Good night, Melody. See you tomorrow. And, uh, you might want to wipe your mouth." – Mr. Dimming

"My name is Paul, and I'm the stage manager." His huge hand swallows mine as he shakes it... "Let's see if we have you set up correctly. We're really glad to have you participate." He spoke directly to me, not Mom or Catherine! I like him right away. – Paul and Melody at the competition

"Good evening. How are you doing?"

"I'm well, thank you."

"I'm OK, it was a long day."

"Hi, my name is [insert name]. I go to school/work at [insert place]. I really like [insert activity]."

hello	goodbye	please	thank you
now	later	in a minute	never
yes	no	maybe	I'm not sure
happy	sad	angry	frustrated
hungry / eat	bathroom	tired	hug
need	want	like	dislike
and	not	him	her
red	blue	green	yellow
read	music	TV	work
animal	plant	sky	ground
stop	go	slow	fast
up	down	over there	right here
warm	cold	hurt	feel good
loud	quiet	help	need space
love	like	drink	clean
smell	taste	feel	hear
bright	dark	mom	dad
sister	brother	friend	best
worst	favorite	with	alone
A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X Y Z