

**CONGREGANT SIDE**

It's been really great to sit here and listen to the testimonials that church members have delivered in response to your sermon.

They said some really beautiful things.

and you know...

I've been thinking a lot about the sermon you preached,  
and I think what you said about this church,  
and the walls of this church, how we've built up walls,  
how we have cut ourselves off from the world.

And what you said about distance and communication,  
and what you said about hell,  
how the Bible says, in a lot of ways, that there is no hell,  
and that through Christ all are saved,  
and yes,  
all of that makes sense.

It makes me really sad that people left the church because of what you preached.  
Some of those who left are really close friends of mine.  
Those friends – I feel like they look at me differently than they used to look at me.  
I call them up, ask them to get coffee with me, and they don't.  
They're too busy.  
And before they hang up, they say they're praying for me like there was something wrong with me.