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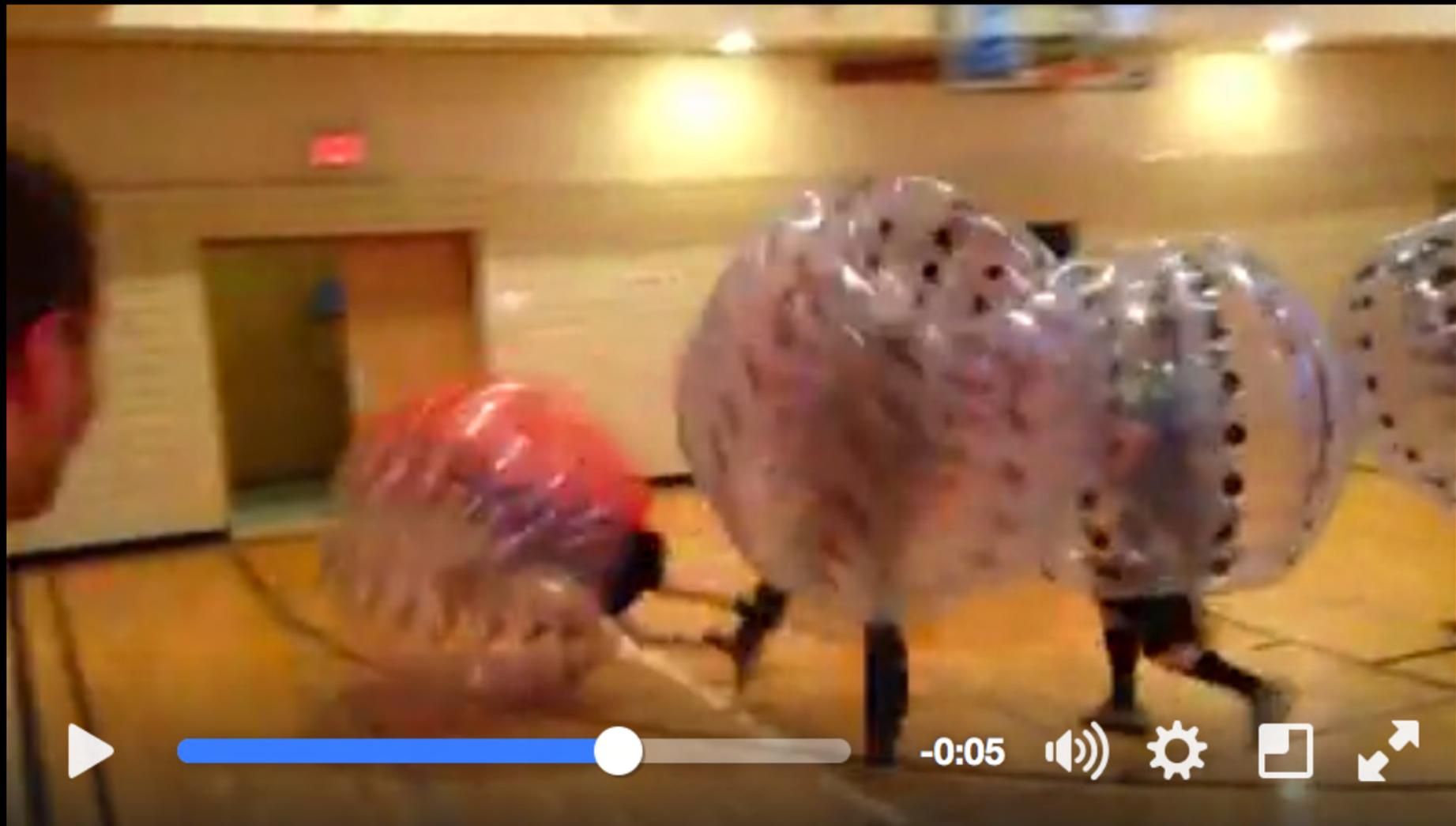


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lol. What? What are you talking about, Jesus?

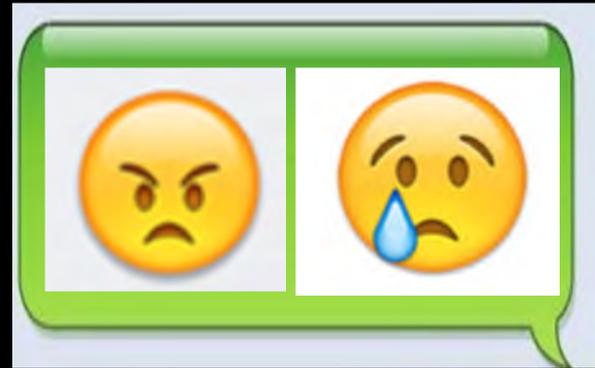
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It is that familiarity with the things of God will cause you to lose your awe.

Tripp, Paul David (2012-10-31). *Dangerous Calling: Confronting the Unique Challenges of Pastoral Ministry* (p. 113). Crossway.



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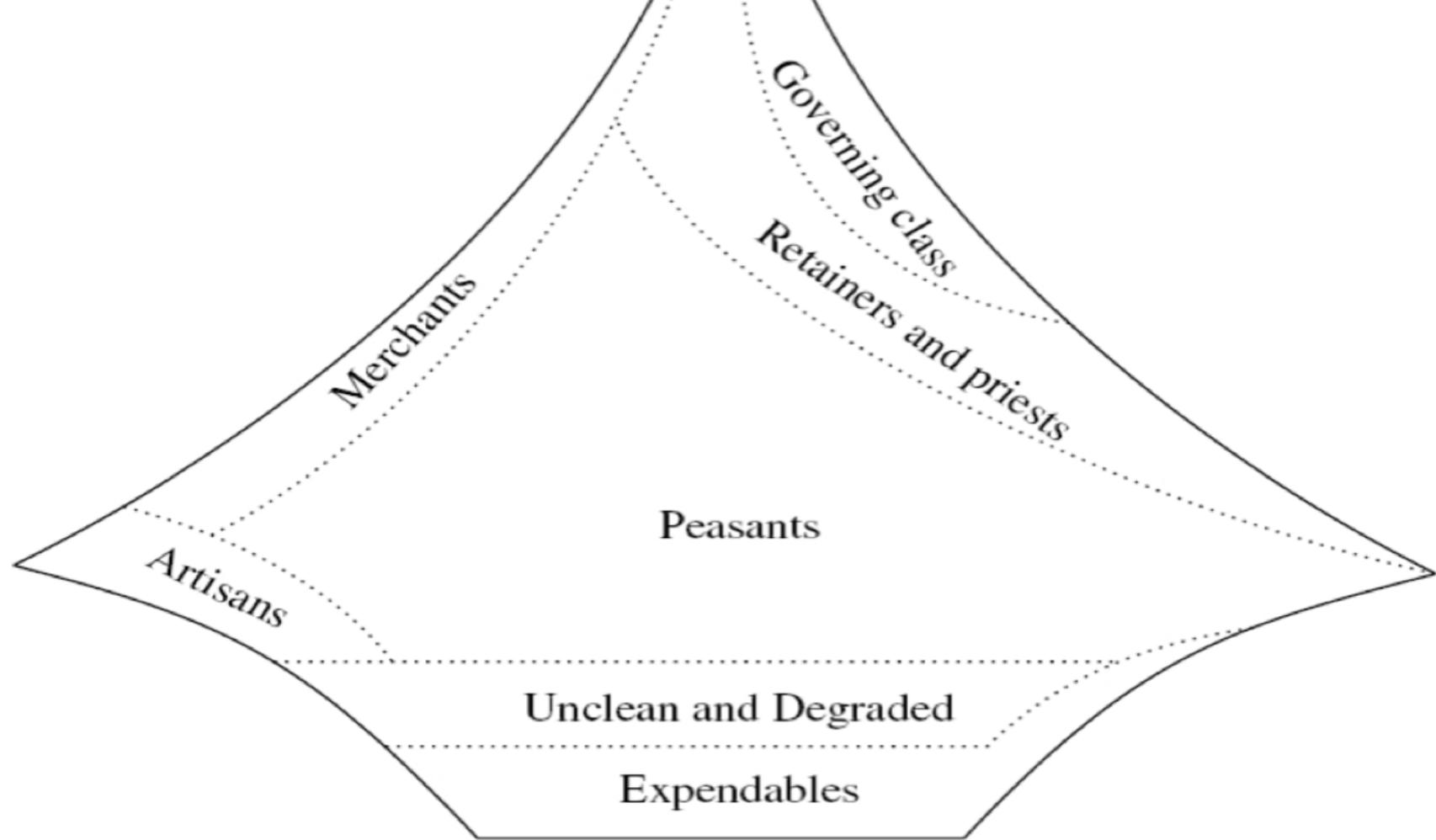
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Power and privilege



Numbers

The day had begun like any other day for the blind man. Waking up, he shook the straw from his shabby, torn garments, stretched, got to his feet, and began tapping his way along the familiar turns leading to the main gate of Jericho. Perhaps he was able to beg a crust of bread or two at some familiar stops along the way. Arriving at the gate he took his regular place with the other beggars, where he drew his greasy cloak tightly around him because, though it was spring, the sun had not yet dispelled the morning chill.

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As he sat there, just like so many days before, he listened to the city come to life — first a donkey loaded with melons for market, after that several women chatting as they bore pitchers toward the well, then the clomp of camels' hooves. Soon Jericho abounded with the sounds of life, and the blind man was intoning his beggar's cry. Suddenly the blind man tensed and lifted his head, for his blind-sensitive ears heard the hubbub of a great crowd approaching. First came young boys running ahead with shrill cries, then more people hurrying past the gate talking excitedly. The blind man, brushed by a robe, reached out and asked what was happening.

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The mission of Jesus

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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Nothing could have stopped Christ from finishing his mission – no opposition, no pleading by loving, ignorant friends, no protesting Peter.

But the humble cry of a needy blind man stopped him – “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

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