

SLIDE 1
Thin Places
(Where the two seas meet)

HUMAN EXPERIENCE

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DIVINE CONSCIOUSNESS

IMAGINAL

INFINITE

ENERGY

SLIDE 2

Both realms are necessary to be whole:

One carries the personal intimacy of God—divine consciousness—
playing through the chords of my human be-ing

The other, the cosmic vastness of that consciousness: Infinite and
Light and Love

SLIDE 3

“Riffing with God”

[We experience] God’s persuasive love ... as an evolutionary vibration or impulse within us like a jazz riff from God that elicits a response from us. We respond with our own riff that may or may not be what God had in mind. Nevertheless, based on what we’ve played, God responds to our response in a loving way meant to move us to greater love and wholeness. We can egotistically “play our own music” but God responds to what we play in a way that encourages us to get more in vibrational flow with the other members of the quartet. How this evolves is not known, even by God. Like jazz, it’s new, it’s exciting, it’s unresolved. Free will is clearly in play.

SLIDE 4

GOD'S "RIFF"

"Who you are is enough

You carry the spark of divine love within you

You are loved just as you are

You are a gift

You matter

You are precious

You are beloved,"

A unique expression of Infinite Light and Love here on earth

(from *Braving the Thin Places* by Julianne Stanz)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions:

What are your thoughts about living on the seashore?

How do you “riff” with God/Infinite Light and Love?

What do you think would be/are your greatest challenges to doing so?

POSSIBLE COURSE TOPICS FOR FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024

Please review the following topics and select any you would be interested in attending:

- Unwrapping Beloved's Gift: Way Stations on the Path to Reawakening Deep Love, Hope, and Faith
- Sustaining Heaven on Earth: Keys Forged By and For Love
- Intimate Faith: Reading Life as Sacred Text
- Listening for the Heartbeat of God (based on book with same title by Phillip Newell)
- Other (add topic of your own)