

# Sunday School Opening

Jon Hardinger Metaphorical Poem

Making Melody #441  
May the Mind of Christ



- May 4
- 6:07 AM
- Newark NJ

Make some of  
my own jet trails,

# Metaphor helps us connect.

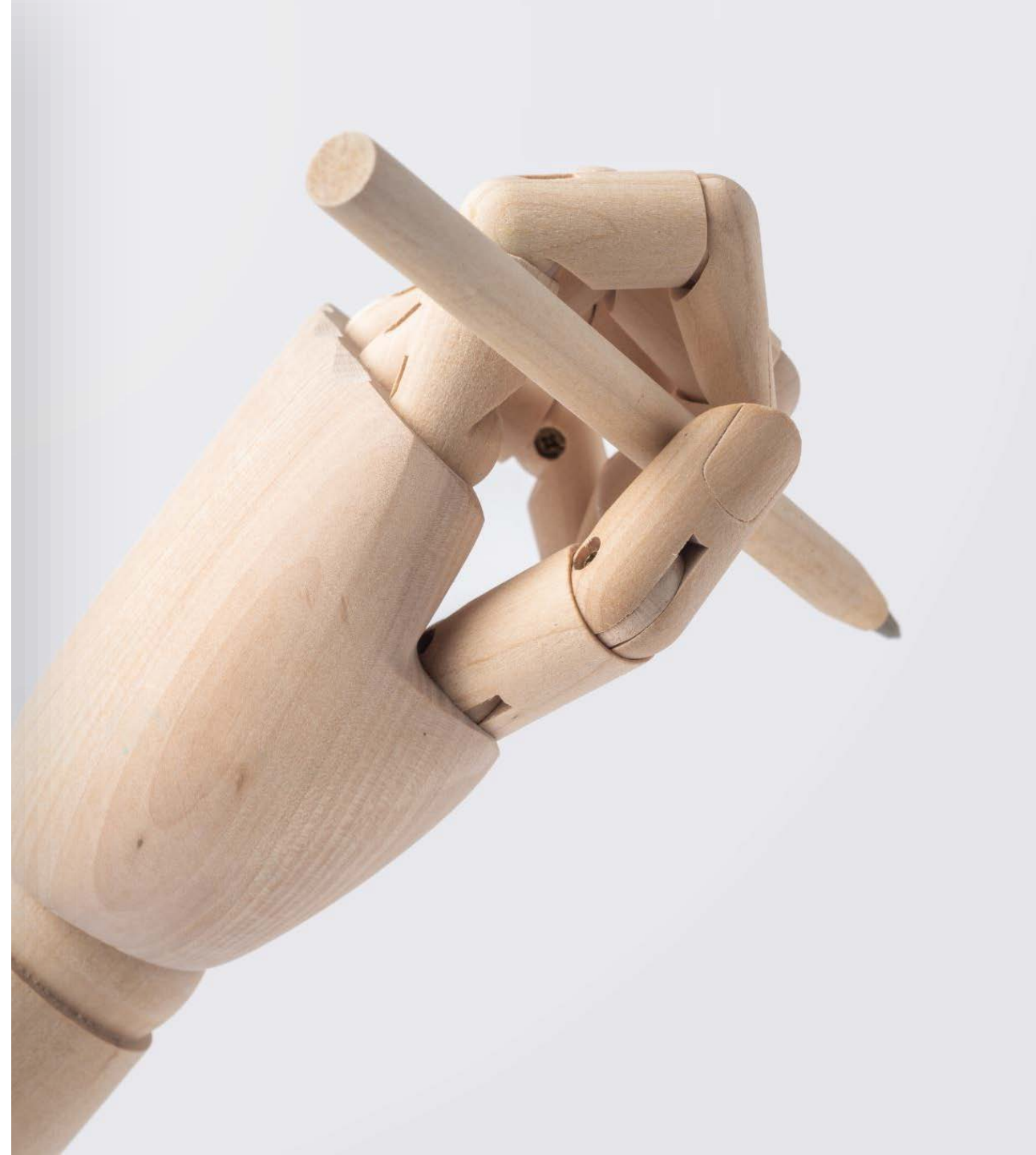
- What I am looking for is the use of the metaphor to help us carry across. Using the help of an object, person, animal, or thing that becomes a part of our understanding.
- I am like a wolf, means that I am still more Jon than the wolf than the wolf is Jon.
- I do not actually become the object, just characteristics of the object help describe, and carry across the meaning of something.
- Left brain (The Emissary) observes, categorizes, names, then metaphor carries it back to the Right Brain. (The Master)



# Metaphor

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- The metaphor of grasp. It is the hand of the mind.
- Comprehend, is to grasp an idea.
- Impression
- Expression
- Intend
- Contend
- Pretend
- “Handled Concerning the word of life” 1 John 1:1



# 1 John 1:3 NASB

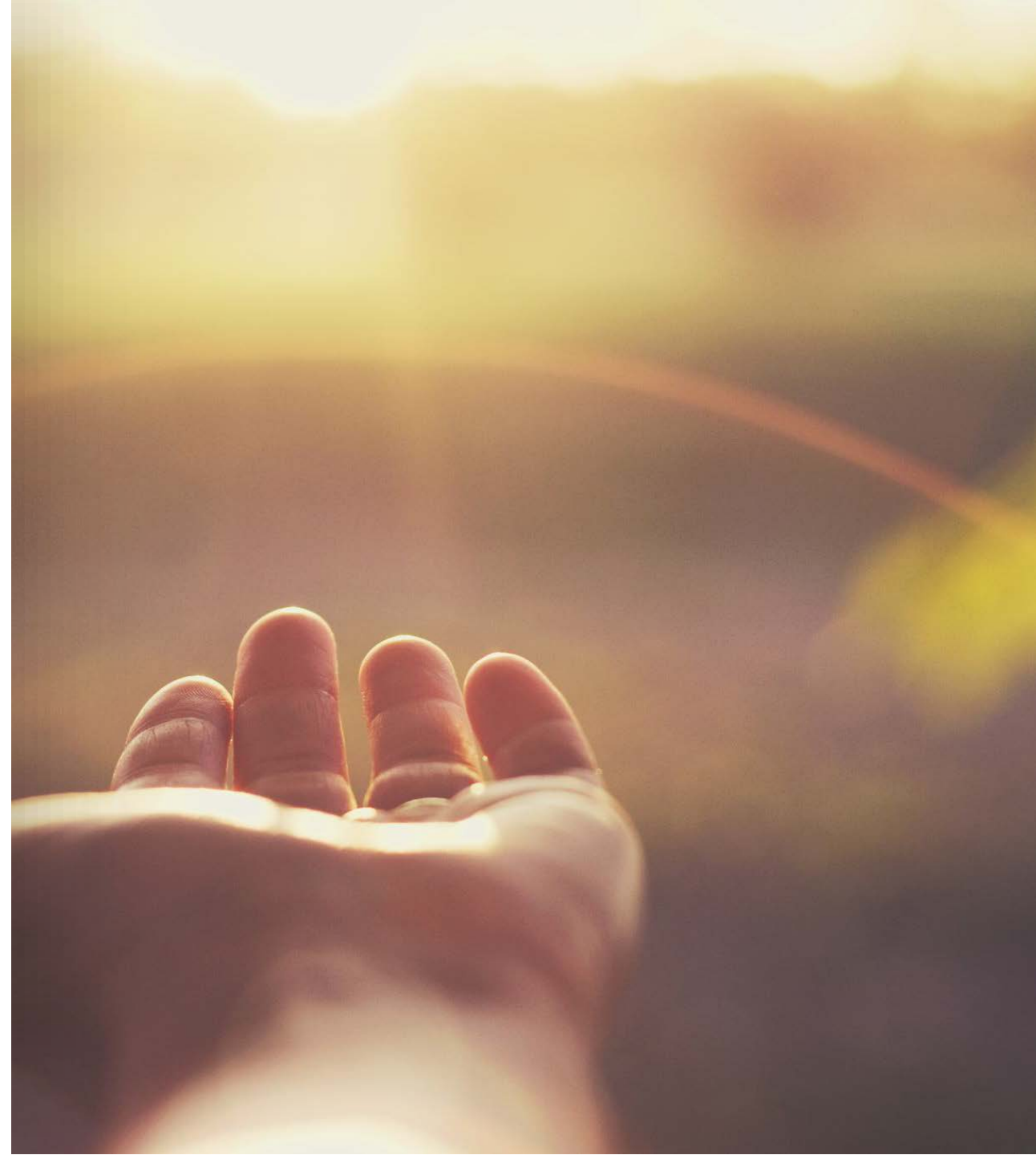
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- What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life.
- And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you that the eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us,

# Metaphor to grasp with our mind's hands

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- I just cannot put my finger on it
- I have not gotten hold of it yet.
- To manipulate, a handful of what ever we need



Not just words but the work



Prayer By George Herbert 1593- 1633

Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age  
God's breath in man returning to his birth,

The soul in paraphrase, the heart in pilgrimage,  
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth.

Engine against the Almighty, sinner's tow'r,  
Reversed thunder, Christ side-piercing spear,

The Six-days world transposing in an hour,  
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;

Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,  
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,

Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,  
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,

Church bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,  
The land of spices, something understood.

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# Truths and Verses that connect with these metaphors

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Banquet: eating together,

Angels age: 1 Peter 1:12 “Long to look” 1  
Timothy 3:16 “Seen by”

Breath: Genesis 2:7 “breath of life”

Soul: Acts 2: 43 “feeling a sense of awe”

Heart in pilgrimage: NKJV 1 Peter 2:11 The  
Psalms, Abraham,

Sounding: Jacob’s Ladder, Paul’s third  
heaven, Sound teaching

Engine: inventions,

Tower: Babel

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# Metaphor revealed, not really explained

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- John 1:18 NASB “explained” KJV “Revealed”
- Reversed thunder: “echos”
- Side piercing: Seeing, feeling the pain
- Six days: New creation Ephesians 2:10 “Created in Christ Jesus”
- Tune: Prayers of Ephesians not just the explanation.
- Hear and fear: the work Philippians 2:13
- Characteristics of in order of Softness, Peace, Joy, Love and bliss

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# Metaphor reveals

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- Exalted manna: Christ raised
- Gladness: praise in heaven and earth
- Ordinary: In order
- Dressed: clothed in righteousness
- Milky way: Shown to Abraham Genesis 15:5, 22:17
- Bird of Paradise: the Holy Spirit the Dove,
- Heard: way it is said, reaching up and down, away and near
- Land of spices, something understood

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Things, the  
work it takes  
to carry  
across

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- “All things hear and fear”
- “Something understood”
- Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, Mine ear hath heard and understood it. Job 13:1

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