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Today's episode of "The Nonviolent Jesus Podcast" features Fr. Richard Rohr, a beloved Franciscan priest, best-selling author and prophetic teacher, who has guided millions — including Oprah, Bono and Pope Francis — toward a deeper, more transformative faith.

"Many men think they are angry," Rohr tells me on the podcast. "But let me tell you a secret: Most men, even those who think they are angry, are really sad."

As the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, his teachings on mysticism, contemplation and social justice have shaped the way we see faith in the modern world. His books, including *The Universal Christ*, *Falling Upward* and *The Divine Dance*, have become essential reading for spiritual seekers worldwide.

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"I think Jesus came to represent solidarity with human suffering and even solidarity with human stupidity," Rohr says.

Rohr has published a new book, *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*.

In a time of chaos and division, what can the prophets teach us about courage, hope and speaking truth to power?

"We thought prophets foretold the future, which is a very, very limited understanding of their role," Rohr says. "The prophets are always lamenting the collective stupidity."

The podcast can be found here.

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