

Celebration of Discipline

Opening Devotional

Lectio Divina

Matthew 10: 1-42


For Further Reflection

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Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace

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There is opportunity for beauty and wonder in things that look dead and lifeless. Sometimes amid the dullness, with nothing else in competition, the true bones of a situation, circumstance, or place begin to shine through. If we can put aside our expectations of what we feel should be there, or our mourning of what used to be there ...and allow ourselves to be present in the moment...we open space for happiness, wonder, peace, and joy.

How easy it would have been to walk this familiar trail today and be disheartened at the monochromatic landscape because it lacked the verdant green or splashes of floral colours that I remembered from last spring. Instead, when I stopped to feel the breeze on my face, the sun on my skin, hear the orchestra of birdsongs, and notice the millions of shades of blue and brown and green ...I was gifted moments of marvel and awe, saw things I wouldn't have seen otherwise, and was washed in gratitude for so much abundance and life.

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The Outward Disciplines:

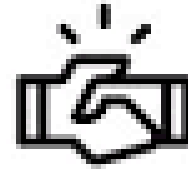
Avenues for making a positive impact on others and the world



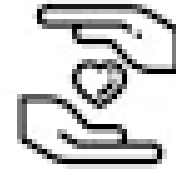
SIMPLICITY



SOLITUDE



SUBMISSION



SERVICE

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- Simplicity-Duplicity
- Inward reality that becomes and outward lifestyle
- The Bible and Economics – *Oikumene*
- A Place to Stand –
- Wealth, Poverty, Paul and Kierkegaard – 3 Inward Attitudes when freed from anxiety over money
- Outward Expression of Simplicity



SIMPLICITY

SHELLY HUCKABY

Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth.

Archimedes

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Solitude

- Called from *Loneliness* to Solitude
- Without silence there is no solitude – the two are inseparable
- Solitude always involves listening
- Ecclesiastes and Peter – *the sacrifice of fools*
- St. John of the Cross's *Dark Night of the Soul*
- Steps Into Solitude

All in me is silent and . . .

I am immersed in the silence of God.

Catherine de Haeck Doherty



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Work through Submission with great care and discernment to ensure that we are ministers of life, not death.

Submission

- Biblical teaching of submission focuses primarily on the spirit with which we view other people
- “Self-actualization,” “Self-fulfillment,” and “Self-denial”
- Self-Denial does not equal losing our identity
- Jesus Taught A Third Way --- *not either/or, nor both/and* – but a creative alternative
- The Epistles Continue the Way of Jesus
- There are Limits to Submission
- 7 Acts of Submission – flowing into Service

*Whoever would be great
among you must be your
servant*

Matthew 20:25



SERVE

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- From the Greatest to the Least
- The Various Ways we Serve
- Does our service feed a “lust” or bring us to being more “humble?”
- Is “service” another word for partnering and accompanying?
- Can you find joy in giving up control, and being in service?
- Lists of Service Projects? OR Service as Way of Being

Spiritual Disciplines



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