

EVERYDAY ORDINARY Pt 2

“Midweek Connection”

Romans 12:1 (MSG)

So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

OUR INVOLVEMENT IN CREATION

- The act of creating our Week.
- The surrender our A.L.L. (our Actual Lived Lives).

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

“Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another. It isn’t just words. It’s the actual putting forth of your will for the good of another person. It always involves God, because when you will the good of another person, you realize only God is capable of bringing that.”
(Dallas Willard)

Romans 8:18-27 NIV

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

MIDDLE PLACES

The point of being faithful in the small moments is being faithful.

“We are beginning to fit this moment into the larger order of things, the divine story of God's work and purposes. I find that language of placement and re-placement to be incredibly satisfying. Blessing put our spiritual house in order, even where our circumstances are entirely out of order.

When I bless the actual days i am living, i suddenly find i have a great deal more to say that is honest. I am mourning. I am bored. I am exhausted. I am apathetic. I discover that I am freed from the need to declare everything #blessed. God or bad, I don't have to wait to say something spiritually true.” (Kate Bowler)

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

AWARENESS: What do you now know?

ALIGNMENT: What will you do about it?
(What are you willing to do about it?)

LORD IT'S WEDNESDAY

Lord, it's Wednesday.
Often the point where I feel like I have more to do than can get done.
The place where I have given up on doing anything more than just getting through.
It is the middle of the week,
the hump I need to get over in order to be able to do it all over again.
Wednesday reminds me that I am halfway to this week being over.
But I don't want this week to simply be over,
I want it to matter.
I want this day to count.
Could you show up in this middle? Could you show me that you have shown up?
Would you offer peace or strength or both?
Would you bring hope?
Along with a little courage or correction,
Guidance and affirmation?
Blessed are the ones who seek you and find you,
To know your presence,
To feel your connection as you come near ...
and come with...
Even on a Wednesday.