



“God, what is it You want to do through me?”

Belonging

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” ~1 Corinthians 12:7

I am a member of the Church. That’s a big deal to me because it means I belong to something greater than myself. Actually, I belong to Someone: God. And I belong to you. You are my beloved community and even when physically alone, as I have been throughout these two years of c19, I’ve never been alone spiritually.

I am blessed to do good things for others and to give generously. I invite others to join me in this, so that they too will experience the joy of giving. When I ask someone to do or give something, I first have to ask the same thing of myself. Otherwise my request rings hollow unless I have first examined my own heart and considered my own commitment.

I didn’t always get this. Early on in my spiritual journey I thought stewardship was what the congregation engaged in so that the church could pay its bills. But over the years (and with a big boost from my partner, who was way ahead of me in this) I have come to see that what they say about giving is true. It is an integral part of the life of faith. It is a spiritual discipline. It is as important to spiritual growth as worship, prayer, study and service.

It’s true that in the vast scheme of things my life on this earth is short.

The same is true for all of us. We're only around for a little while. I think often of all the people of faith who were Church in all its various flavors before all of us came along. I wonder what it was like to be in their shoes, what they thought about the future, whether or not they could possibly imagine the Church of today. And I think about those who will follow us in the faith.

Choices we make today are built on those who have gone before. And what we do—or don't do—will reverberate for generations.

Prayer: Dear God, help us always to remember that we belong to one another because we belong to You.

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