



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

Trust: Anxiety is Overrated

“For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills...If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine...” ~Psalm 50:10, 12

Despite what you may have heard from any number of TV preachers, God really does not need our money. But we probably need to give it anyway. Few subjects make us more anxious than money. Most of us live in the secret (or not so secret) fear that there just is not enough: not enough for retirement, not enough for tuition, not enough for that home we have always dreamed of, not enough for whatever tomorrow might hold. We live in fear, and we make our financial decisions accordingly.

Most of us stick to the same script: We work to acquire all that we can. Then we hoard and hold on to all that we can. We view with suspicion any suggestion that we might consider giving some of it away. We allow our anxiety to call the shots. Relationships fail, wrinkles multiply and sleep eludes us –all because we worry that there will not be enough. But what if there is enough? Strangely enough, our faith invites us to suspect that there is. It repeatedly recounts stories of abundance: a God who provides bread in the wilderness, water from a rock, wine from plain old ordinary tap water. It asks to consider the very real possibility that anxiety is overrated.

We do not give to the church—or to a generosity initiative—because God needs our money. God can probably get by without our giving.

We give because it helps us to unlearn our anxious habits; to let go of some of our stuff. We give because it frees us to trust, not in our own more or less meager resources, but in all the abundance of God. We give, and we discover that there is more than enough.

Prayer: Gracious God, help us to trust in the abundance of your goodness and the sufficiency of your love. Amen

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