

MEDITATIONS FROM MAY 2015 SUNDAY BULLETINS

WHEN THE CALL COMES

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Rev. Janet Friedline

It has been said that each of us has a purpose and a reason for coming into this world of expression. Some individuals feel that they have discovered what it is. They will tell you that they felt “called” to enter a particular line of work. Perhaps their mission was to be of service to others and they “felt it in their heart” that this was so. Having discovered what they consider their reason for being, they contemplated the best way to fulfill it.

Are we really “called” to do certain things? When we study the life of the man Jesus, we are told that his mission was to come into this world to preach the gospel, to heal the sick and raise the dead. His work was to reveal the Truth of us, and he did so by living that Truth. Truth reveals eternal life to be our reality and he proved it by his own demonstration. Let us not be so concerned with our “calling.” We have been sent to be a light onto the world, and this is all we need to know.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

May 10, 2015

Rev. Donna Gatewood

The human mind is a curious thing, it has the capacity to think wonderful, uplifting and happy thoughts or it can dwell in the depth of despair and negativity. Given that we have the ability to choose and control our thoughts, what is it about the human mind that chooses to dwell on thoughts that are dark and destructive rather than those thoughts that are good, pure and lovely?

The simple answer is that we continue to believe that we are separate from God and our Good. We continue to place some tiny bit of belief in the pairs of opposites and for some reason our minds tend toward the negative rather than the positive. We forget to take stock of and acknowledge all that is honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. We forget to look behind the human condition and see God’s beautiful and perfect creation.

Paul tells us, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Phil 4:8

REAL OR UNREAL

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Much of what we see in life is temporary, it doesn’t last. People come, and people go. We change jobs, and move to new locations. Even our concept of life changes as we move in and out of experience. And we find ourselves asking “what is real and what is unreal?” When we look at our world we notice that things do not stay the same, and we wonder about the reality

of it all. And this is the point – reality, in its truest form, will not be found in a world of changing scenes and conditions.

To discover what is real, we must release the sense of life that bears witness to the material world of temporary conditions. Reality is found in the Absolute. It belongs to the sense of life that bears witness to eternal truths that do not change with the passing times. The Absolute belongs to God, and we discover its reality by acknowledging the finished kingdom. God does not change. The principle of life is eternal, we are that life. Let us be still and know that this is so.

HAVE FAITH

May 24, 2015

Rev. Maria Borrero

Jesus taught that God's power belonged to all and to every age....if there were faith. He further said “It is difficult for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God because he places his love for his possessions before his love for God....All things are possible with God, for when we place him first and love him unconditionally....We unfold into the consciousness of the Presence of God as little children, in perfect unquestioning faith.” (from the Divine Science Bible Text Book)

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed...nothing shall be impossible unto you.” Matthew 17:20
“For the Lord preserved the faithful.” Psalm 31:23

CENTER IN YOU

May 31, 2015

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Our Bible reminds us over and over again of the one place from where blessings come. Sometimes the Bible refers to It as the Garden of Eden, or the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever the name, it is a realm of pure peace. But not a peace separate and apart from any of us, but already embodied within our own consciousness.

Not the human consciousness, but a consciousness of God. In this consciousness evil cannot exist. Sin, disease and death have no place in the Kingdom of God, which is to say in a Consciousness of God.

And thousands of years ago it was written that he who dwelleth in this consciousness dwelleth in God and God in him. There is a Silence in us all where Truth abides in full. And if angry or annoyed; if filled with hurt and resentment, in this place you will be at peace. “Come ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give thee peace.”

For this blessing, O Most Gracious God, I give you thanks. Amen.