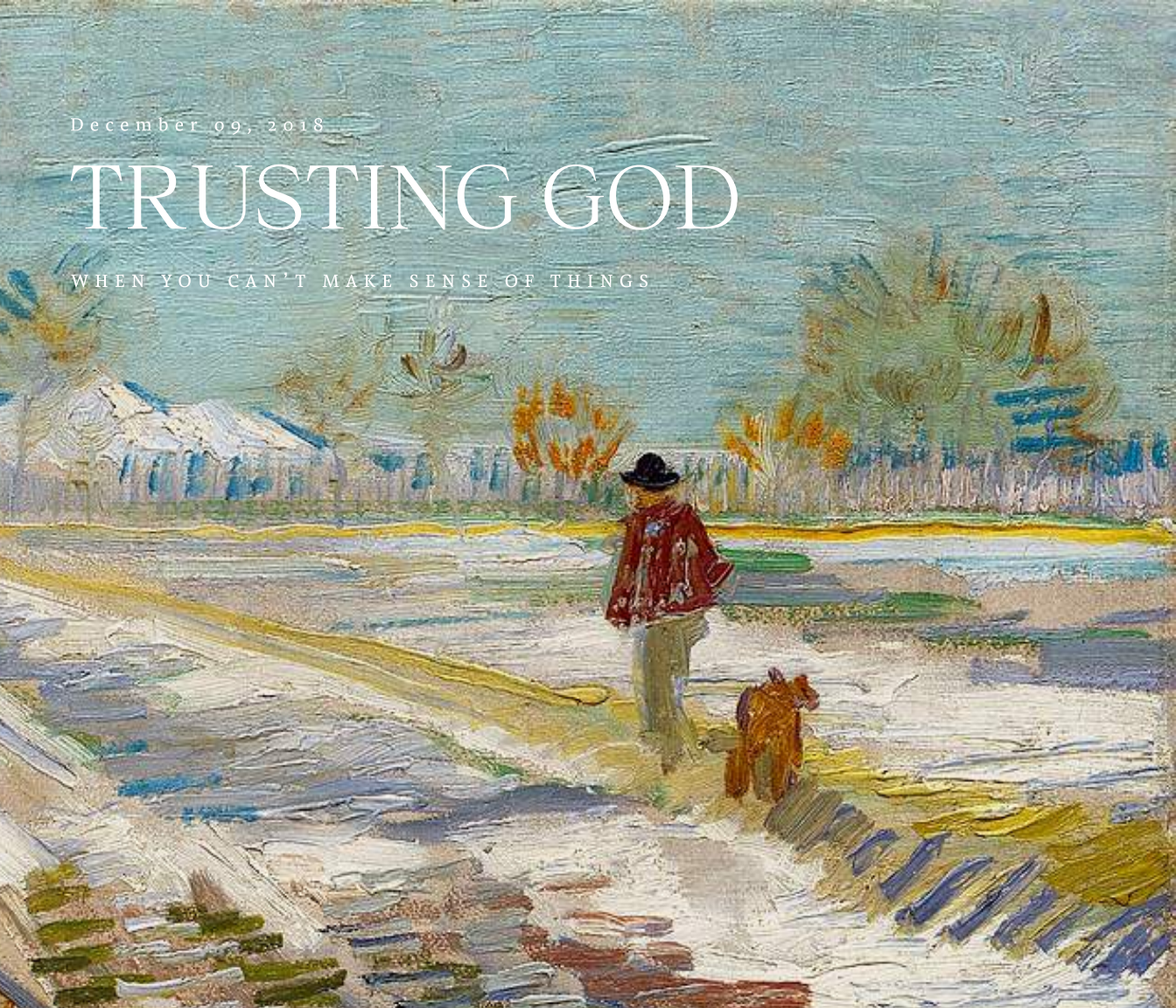


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# TRUSTING GOD

WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THINGS



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# Reflections

Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is glue.

- Eugene O'Neill

The urgency of slowing down . . . I think we're all feeling dizzy. We got onto this accelerating roller coaster that we never quite asked to get on, and we don't know how to get off. My keenest sense is that our devices are not going to go away, nor would we want them to. They've made our lives so much brighter and healthier and longer. But it's a safe bet that they're only going to accelerate and proliferate. We're really going to have to take emergency measures just to keep ourselves in proportion and in balance...stillness is how I keep myself sane. Pascal, wonderfully, in the 17th century, said, our problem is distraction. But we try to distract ourselves from distractions, so we get even worse in this vicious cycle.


- Pico Iyer

[The experience is] inexpressible, ineffable . . . it grips or stirs the human mind. The feeling of it may at times come sweeping like a gentle tide, pervading the mind with a tranquil mood of deepest worship. It may pass over into a more set and lasting attitude of the soul, continuing, as it were, thrillingly vibrant and resonant, until at last it dies away and the soul resumes its "profane," non-religious mood of everyday experience. It may burst in sudden eruption up from the depths of the soul with spasms and convulsions, or lead to the strongest excitements, to intoxicated frenzy, to transport, and to ecstasy . . . it is awe-fullness, the overpowering, Wholly Other.

- Rudolf Otto, *The Idea of the Holy*

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*'Landscape With Snow' by Vincent van Gogh, 1888*

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# Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

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# Sermon

*The Holiness of God (and our uncleanness)*

Rankin Wilbourne

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## Events & News

### **Welcome to Pacific Crossroads - We Have a Gift for You**

This Christmas season, we want to extend all new (or newish) guests a warm welcome. Stop by the tents right outside the auditorium for a quick meet and greet and a free gift.

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In 2019, PCC aims to send more than 100 mission team members to Central Asia to support our brothers and sisters in the Two22 movement. We'd like to encourage you to spend the remainder of 2018 praying about how God might use you to spread the gospel in Central Asia in 2019.

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