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the Cruciform life

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Reflections

Learning a life of gratitude is an art I'm still learning. I'm so conditioned to take good things for granted and instead to focus on things that I'm missing. One of the best tonics for that is taking time to pause, think, and try to think well. It's not as easy (or as common) as it sounds. Alan Jacobs just wrote a marvelous little book about this called 'How To Think.' There's no such thing, he says, as "thinking for ourselves." Instead we learn how to think, how to question the status quo, by taking time to listen and engage with other voices. That's one of the main reasons, in our busy world, to make time to read fiction. One of those voices who has most shaped me over the years is the novelist Walker Percy. Here are some quotes from Percy:

You can get all A's and still flunk life.

You live in a deranged age, more deranged than usual, because in spite of great scientific and technological advances, man has not the faintest idea of who he is or what he is doing.

The search is what anyone would undertake if he were not sunk in the everydayness of his own life. To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something. Not to be onto something is to be in despair.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Rankin

Sermon

the Cruciform life: Cruciform Hospitality
Rankin Wilbourne

Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:17-32, 10:16-17

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Events & News

Pacific Crossroads Women's Dinner, December 4

Celebrate Christmas alongside other women of PCC. Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, develop deeper community and connection over a rich Christmas feast.

Master Your Money, December 9

Don't let money be the master of you. This half day seminar will help you identify and tackle some of the most common personal financial management issues. Learn how to create and manage a budget, relieve debt, and tuck away cash for the future.

Pop Up Parties: Christmas Edition, December 16

Join us at any one of five Christmas Pop-up parties all around LA. Gather and sing Christmas carols, enjoy Christmas sweet treats and drinks, and listen to a Christmas message.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.