

RECLAIMING OUR PASSION¹

I ask you, Lord Jesus,
To develop in me, your lover,
An immeasurable urge towards you,
An affection that is unbounded,
Longing that is unrestrained,
Fervor that throws discretion to the winds!
The more worthwhile our love for you,
All the more pressing does it become.
Reason cannot hold it in check,
Fear does not make it tremble,
Wise judgement does not temper it.

From *The Fire of Love* by Richard Rolle
In *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God* (2003)

Read [read passage twice]

Silence 3-5 minutes* - silently repeat a word or phrase that interests you...

Sharing aloud (if in group): Simply share the word or phrase that spoke to you. No elaboration.

Reflect [read once]

Silence 3-5 minutes - reflecting on "Where does this touch my life?"

Sharing aloud: "I hear, I see, I was struck by..."

Respond [read once]

Silence 3-5 minutes - reflecting on "How is God calling me to Respond?"

Sharing aloud: Briefly pray - spontaneously expressing your response to God's call.

Rest [read once]

Rest in God's grace, in silence 2-3 minutes

*The time allotted for each period of silence can vary.

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¹ This *Lectio* selection reflects the sabbatical theme of "Rest, Renew & Reclaim in the Midst of Transition," developed by Reverend Mary Jo E. Holtey of First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND. She writes, "During the course of a three-month sabbatical, I hope to rest from my labors; renew the right spirit within me; reclaim the core of my ministry, as well as the core of my relationships with family."