

THE SLOW WORK OF GOD

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stage. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. Yet it is the law of all progress that is made by passing through some stages of instability and that may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually. Let them grow. Let them shape themselves without undue haste. Do not try to force them on as though you could be today what time - that is to say, grace - and circumstances acting on your own good will, will make you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new Spirit gradually forming in you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. Above all, trust in the slow work of God, our Loving vinedresser. Amen.

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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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