



DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL FROM MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021

A scripture passage offered for this day's Lenten contemplation, and a brief question for spiritual reflection

After reading the scripture passage, I suggest *alectio divina* approach:

1. re-reading the passage, noticing words or thoughts that stand out to you;
2. then re-reading it again, and sitting in silence with it for a few minutes;
3. then deciding whether to engage with the question for reflection that follows. That may help to prevent the question itself from becoming merely a trite lens through which the scripture passage appears smaller and less consequential than it is.

K.G.

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Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is

this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

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If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or there isn't, which side would get your money and why? **(FB)**

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ABBREVIATIONS (Sources of questions for reflection)

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