

MEDITATIONS FROM AUGUST 2015 SUNDAY BULLETINS

LIFE'S DEMANDS

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Certain things are required of us. Throughout life, we are called upon to think and to act in a particular way. There are rules to obey and instructions to follow. Life asks certain things of us and we do our best to comply. We consider our responsibility to our family and to our fellowmen. We accept responsibility for our thoughts and for our actions. Demands are made of us, and while we try to do our best, many times we don't know what to do.

Any thing worth doing brings its standard for expression. When we work in the material world, our goal is to be good human beings, living from our highest concept of what that might be. The spiritual life also brings its demands. Certain things are required of us. Be still and know; acknowledge God in all thy ways; turn to me above all else. These are the instructions given to the one who is interested in living the spiritual life. There is but one responsibility, and that is to know God. Let this be our practice.

THE DIVINE SCIENCE WAY

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Rev. Maria Borrero

The Practice of the Presence of God is the whole of Divine Science. For God created a complete Kingdom, a complete universe. The Life that exists is of God, it is our life for we are of God. Divine Science teaches us that when we are one with our Divine Father God, we experience all that is of God and become the vehicle for Divine Spirit manifestations and expressions out here in the world.

There are those in the world who create their own "truth" regarding God and his Kingdom. Divine Science teaches us how to learn for ourselves God's Truth. Man's invention of truth is a false truth which leads them into a difficult set of circumstances until there is a realization that Truth is of God and God lives within our very being.

Divine Science teaches that we need not suffer, instead we can do the spiritual work that helps us unfold to our true self, a child of God, a spiritual being one with our Father. Let us do the work of being still and listening within in God's Silence so that we may return to our reality, a spiritual being living in a spiritual universe.

TRUE SUCCESS

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Rev. Janet Friedline

All of us would like to be successful in some way. It is a very human trait to want to do well. The desire is to achieve and accomplish in a way that is beneficial to us, and we seek the best way to bring it about. When we begin a new endeavor, we have a certain goal in mind, and we work toward that goal. Perhaps the desire is for material gain, or to be known in a particular way. We expect certain things to happen and we look to our demonstration to determine our success.

Nona Brooks asks if there might be a secondary success, one that does not manifest as form. She speaks of true success as relating to peace of mind, serenity of the soul, as inner fulfillment and satisfaction. The one, who lives from his divine nature, has but one desire and that is to know God. He understands that God does the work. As individuals it is not our mission to succeed or fail, but rather to be about our Father's business. God does not fail. Let us not concern ourselves with what the world calls "success." God is our sufficiency and that is all we need to know.

HOLY GROUND

August 23, 2015

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Bible refers to a place called "holy ground," and we wonder where we might find it. We know that what is holy is sacred. We are familiar with the ground of the good earth, but somehow, we don't think that is the ground that is sacred. Battles have been fought on that ground. That ground can be bought and sold. It can be torn up or sown. It can be rained on, or dried to a crisp. Try as we might, we cannot find anything sacred about this ground.

And yet, we are told that the place where we stand is holy ground. Holy ground requires a foundation. A firm foundation is established in spiritual consciousness and it is there that we discover holy ground. What is sacred is truth, the truth about us and about life. Right where we stand, right where we find us, God is. What is of God is holy; let us keep it in heaven. Let us remove anything that stands between us and this realization. God is, and beside him there is none else.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

August 30, 2015

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Something wonderful happens every day. God speaks to people in literally hundreds of ways, but most of us are too busy with our thoughts and daily affairs that we don't take time to listen. We listen, but not to God. We listen to all the outside influences, i.e. television, radio, our family members, and our friends. We depend on the authority of those around us to direct our lives. At some point in our lives we must yield to the One True Authority. At some point we must turn our ears to God.

It is difficult to be silent. We are all a lot like Peter who in his anxiety before the Almighty was quick to speak and slow to be quiet and to sit silently in His Presence. We are quick to jump in and start babbling when we need to be quiet and listen to the still small voice.

The voice of God calls us to be free of whatever holds us back and to live in the assurance that He is in us and with us. The voice of God is the one, clear still, small, loving voice that speaks with compassion and righteousness. When we are tuned into His voice we are not distracted by other distorted sounds, opinions and ideas. When we are tuned into the voice of God we are willing to risk all and know that only the highest and best is in God's plan for us.

The Scriptures direct us to enter our closets and close the door and to "Be still, and know that I am God." Let us begin today to cultivate the silence of the soul to that we can say "Speak Lord; for thy servant hears."