



Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

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ON THE SEVENTH DAY

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From The Book of Genesis

"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

GENESIS 2:1-3

Reflection

Recently, my front yard was transformed from an old water-guzzling, grassy thatch to a mix of drought-resistant plants, a couple of trees, rocks and decomposed granite, a cement walkway and some grass. The metamorphosis took about a week with two to four people working diligently morning to late afternoon. In addition to laboring with enormous effort, it was evident that the

workers took pleasure and pride in the craft.

At the beginning of the project, I had asked the landscape company owner how long he expected the project the job to take. I was surprised how quickly things would happen. He shared the game plan, what would happen day to day, and let me know that on Sunday they took the day off. That made me happy. On Saturday, as the men were cleaning up for the day, I asked if Sundays were special, a time for church and family. They replied that Sunday was a day dedicated for family, and there was real seriousness in their response.

Well, that got me to thinking, I have no idea why: do I consider God to be a member of my family? After all, we as humanity are part of God's family, but where does God fit into my family? Can the Holy One just *be*, without expectations? Can I accept the diverse expressions of the Sacred even though they may not conform to mine? How do I extend hospitality and show love to God? Can I relax, recreate, or labor with the Divine? How do I engage in conversation with God -- do I listen as well as speak? Apparently, God likes to rest on the seventh day; do I rest with God during that time? Hmmm.



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For Pondering

- What is family to you?
 - How does God fit into your family?
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For Prayer

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