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## Please don't walk through the mass grave!





#### Where and when is God speaking to us?

**Every moment and every event of every man's life on** earth plants something in his soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds, so each moment brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men. Most of these unnumbered seeds perish and are lost, because men are not prepared to receive them: for such seeds as these cannot spring up anywhere except in the good soil of freedom, spontaneity, and love.

**Thomas Merton** 



the condition of the soil = the receptivity to the seeds Jesus is sowing in our lives.



#### The soil's whole task can be summarized in one mandate: give the seed room! Dale Bruner

The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

#### **Disciplines that keep you receptive**



Throughout church history followers of Jesus have intentionally vowed to live simply. Following the example of the Lord, they have given up comfort and possessions and the clutter of life to leave larger spaces for loving God and neighbour.

The central point for the Discipline of Simplicity is to seek the kingdom of God and the righteousness of his kingdom first and then everything else will come in its proper order.

**Richard Foster** 





Thanksgiving Confession Meditation Guidance

### **Thanksgiving:** Reflect on the goodness of God yesterday.

**Confession:** Acknowledge where you missed the mark yesterday. Admit anger, fear, discouragement

## **Meditation:** Reflect on a manageable chunk of scripture.

#### **Guidance:** Look ahead to your day. Ask for clarity and grace.

