

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

John 2:13-25

Place, Space and _____

Jesus _____

There is an _____ to what Jesus does

Meeting the _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

“Believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance, and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it.” – Rainer M. Rilke

This is one of the go-to quotes I have for myself when I find that my life is becoming too transactional. Because we have very transactional lives – from economics to relationships – we subtly and not so subtly ask what have you done for me, and even more so, add “lately?” too often. When I read John’s Gospel I feel like Jesus is really, deeply, challenging that system when it comes to religion. God’s grace had a gate, a fence, a wall around it. It defined in and out – what was needed to get grace. And Jesus says no. No. This is not the place of God’s grace. I am. Read John 2:13-25. Meditate on being present at this moment.

Reflect:

What do you see, hear, smell, touch and taste in this moment? What does you *body* receive?

Who are you in your imagination? Is it easier to be a person in the market, a person at the tables being turned over, a bystander to the events?

When you’ve lived your whole life with the system that says this is how you will receive the grace of God, what do you think about Jesus disrupting it?

Respond:

Jesus is the Temple.

Remember:

“Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’” John 2:19