

Pastor Roy's Dec/Jan Newsletter Cover Letter

Do you ever wish you were better at some skill, or stronger (healthy?), or more creative? Should our faith bring us these things? If so, how? Advent is the season of waiting, of making room for God and God's people. Might it also be a time for making room for yourself? Room to discover and explore your true self, which God nurtures in rest and action, in patient (and not so patient) waiting and courageous action (and failure to act, or to act well). We learn about ourselves and God in the relationships along the way of our journey. We exalt in our participation in God's glory and we are humbled by losses, disappointments, and "distance." Humility opens us to God's true work in our true selves.

How fitting that this season of waiting and reflection comes as the cold arrives and outdoor work slows. The rhythm of the seasons coincides. May we be attentive to the inward stirrings of God's Spirit preparing us, making a way in our desert, a smooth path in wilderness of our life. Are these days filled with random events, or Divine opportunities? May our waiting be for a deeper awareness of grace and peace at work in us and through us? Indeed.

Let us heed the call to listen, make room, be still, and pray. Not to be consumed with unattainable perfection in ourselves or our many plans and points of busyness, but that we may know ourselves and our God who calls us in faithfulness to receive and know goodness, peace, and joy. A Blessed season of Advent to us all.

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