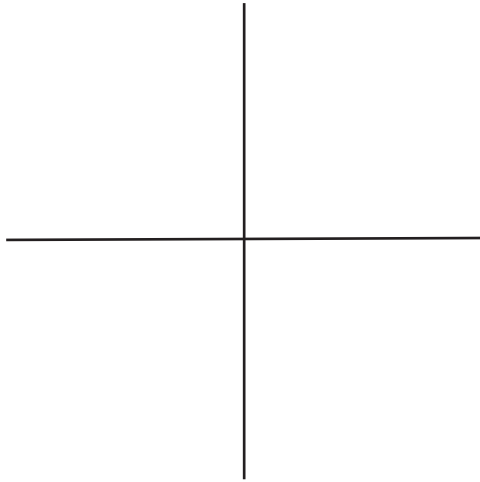


CONTEMPLATION

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Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139: 23-24 NIV



Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment... Romans 12:3 NIV

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11 NIV

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. Mark 1:12-13 NIV

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with...

...confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16,NIV

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18 NIV



The past -

The present -

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me.... 2 Timothy 4:9,NIV

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you... Galatians 4:19 NIV

The future -

*There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - These are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors." - C. S. Lewis, **The Weight of Glory***

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you... Matthew 6:33 NIV