

Hello Gobin Family!

We have made it halfway there!

I hope you are feeling rejuvenated by our day of foolish joy as we move into the 6th day of Christmas.

As we continue this journey I would like to take a moment to remind you that thematically the Church Mothers and Fathers wanted to establish this as a progression, something that was dynamic and modeled the growth of the Christ.

With this in mind we come into the 6th day and find a beautiful reading in Luke's Gospel concluded with a stunning passage that seems to slip by us if we don't slow down, "The child grew and became strong in body and spirit, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

On the heels of our day of chosen childlike foolishness- we bring with us a second naïveté, a fresh perspective rooted in the reality of Christ in the small things around us. We are reminded that in the same way the Christ child grew and matured, we too are invited to grow and mature into wholeness.

In my opinion, as we grow spiritually, we discover that we are not as separate as we once thought we were. Not separate from the person walking the sidewalks with no where to go. Not separate from the person who voted differently. Not separate from the rushing rivers or the field of lilies. Not separate from the Divine. No friends, we are completely connected. This connection is animated by Spirit and wonder- and wonder is the wellspring for Love.

As a child wonder is our birthright. It comes easily in childhood—the feeling of watching dust dancing in sunlight, or climbing a tree to touch the sky, or falling asleep thinking about where the universe ends. We are invited to view the world around us with this wonder as we see Christ breaking through all around us.

What was personified in the body of Jesus was a manifestation of this universal truth: Matter is, and has always been, the hiding place for Spirit, forever offering itself to be discovered anew.

In a moment where skepticism and cynicism seems to be in vogue, I encourage you to choose wonder. If you remember how to wonder, then you already have what you need to step into love.

Grace and Peace,
Joel Everson