

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

October 6th

Daily Devotional #6

Today's devotional once again comes from, John Baillie, a theologian, teacher, author and professor of systematic theology. Baillie was born in Scotland in 1886. Throughout his life and teaching career, Baillie's devotional life was at the center of all his academic endeavors. As Foster says, "he was able to find that delicate balance between faith and reason." Today's selection is Baillie morning prayer for the fourth morning, titled, "Your Waiting Presence". Read this prayer slowly, and several times. Make it your own. And then pray it in the communal sense on behalf of and for your Western Hills Family...

Fourth Morning: "Your Waiting Presence" (John Baillie)

Almighty and eternal God,

You are hidden from my sight:

You are beyond the understanding of my mind:

Your thoughts are not as my thoughts:

Your ways are past finding out.

Yet You have breathed Your Spirit into my

Yet You have formed my mind to seek

Yet You have inclined my heart to love

Yet You have made me restless for the rest that is in You:

Yet You have planted within me a hunger and thirst that make me dissatisfied with all the joys of earth.

O You who alone know what lies before me this day, grant that in every hour of it I may stay close to You. Let me be in the world, yet not of it. Let me use this world without abusing it. If I buy, let me be as though I possessed not. If I have nothing, let me be as though possessing all things. Let me today embark on no undertaking that is not in line with Your will for my life, nor shrink from any sacrifice which Your will may demand. Suggest, direct, control every movement of my mind; for my Lord Christ's sake.

Amen.