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Midweek Update

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What if it's true?

As you've probably noticed, one of my favorite questions for myself and others is, What if? The speculative and experimental form of the question gives our minds and hearts a little extra wiggle room to try out a new idea, that we otherwise might reject out of hand. Let's try this method with the four statements that we tried out of Sunday. The invitation here is to pick one of two of these options and try it on for size in a real moment or situation in your life today. If it leads to a new insight or possibility or a bit more peace—great! If it doesn't lead to any change at all—nothing lost. Here they are.

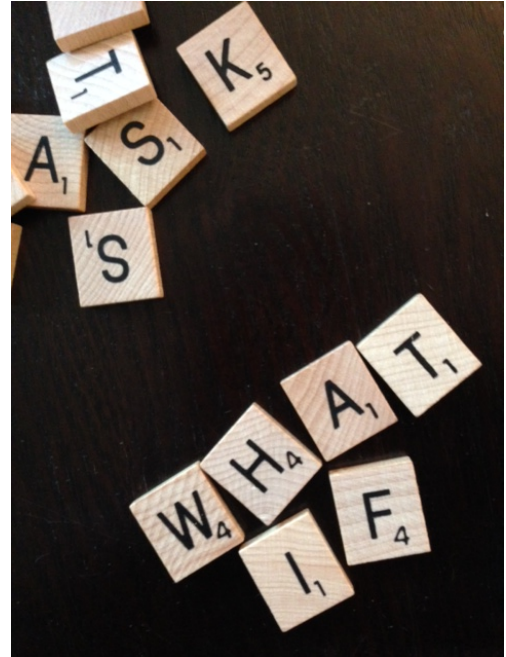
What if it's true that everything is either an expression of love or a call for love?

What if it's true that there is only one will?

What if it's true that there is no order of difficulty in miracles?

What if it's true that Christ is the how?

Here's a little example. Let's say I have an article to write for the church newsletter. And then say I choose the fourth wondering, What if Christ is the how? I sit back for a moment to let that question settle inside of me. Then I say to Jesus, "OK, you write the article." Nothing happens. So I sit back again and let the question sink a little deeper. Then I say to Jesus, "Will you please accompany me as I write this article? I'll do the typing, but you fill my heart and my mind and my fingers. Let's do it together." What happens then. Well, this article happens; my life with Jesus at my side happens; an expansion of my heart happens. I begin to think of the rest of the day differently. Right after this, I'm going to visit Lynn Wolf in the hospital, and now I know in the depths of myself that Christ is going with me and leading me. I don't need to worry about what to say or how to feel. Christ is the how.



People of God, What if it's true?

Leslie Snow Africa Presentation - this Sunday

After worship this Sunday, Feb 12, Leslie will lead a presentation (with pictures!) in the Parlor about her Christmastime trip to Liberia. All are welcome!

Celebration of Life for Glorian Green

There will be a memorial service for Luna's Mother, Glorian Green, on Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 pm; 100 people are expected. If any of you would like to donate cookies for the reception, please talk to me or send me an email. (tloht42@gmail.com or 651-699-2280). Thank you, Meredith

Support for Rondale and Ray Ray

On Sunday, February 11, at 4:00pm CST, we will host a baby shower on Zoom to celebrate Todd Michael Barnes' godchildren, Ray Ray and Rondale, as they prepare to welcome the coming of their first child, Anavi Sa'rayah Tenner.

The baby shower will feature a blessing by Pastor's Phil and Luna along with a brief message about the responsibilities and joys of parenting. Ray Ray and Rondale are in need of furniture, household goods, baby wipes, and diapers/pampers. We welcome one and all to attend the baby shower and thank you in advance for your amazing generosity and love! Todd is wondrously excited about sharing the Edgcumbe community with his beloved godchildren and soon-to-be adorable god grandchild! If you want to attend or help support this new baby, please contact Todd directly at: barnesewing03@gmail.com or (612) 322-4765. Todd plans to rent a moving truck next week to pick any donated items.

February Missions

February Mission focus is on Angelie Ryah and her work with Southern California Belong Farms in San Diego, California. Belong Farms is an organization that works to provide gardens which produce fresh, organic produce for low-income families at the Mexico/US border. Besides providing healthy food, the garden is creating community in the form of health education, cooking classes and Spanish/English practice groups

In starting the Belong Farms project, during 2021 Angelie partnered with the Community Garden in the Barrio Logan neighborhood of San Diego. At the root of the garden, the community understands that open spaces are vital to improving the health of our neighborhood. Now, local schools, organizations and residents have a place to experience nature in a hands-on way.

Anglelie visited EPC last October and gave an exciting update on the progress there. Please consider a mission donation to help provide seeds and materials for the coming season. You can indicate "So. California Belong Farms" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from epchurch.org website. Thanks for your support!