



GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE

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In this time of transition of our government and our presbytery, it is especially important to live into our discipleship to Jesus Christ. You may feel too weary for that after an exhausting fall. I share these words of encouragement from Christian poet Ann Weems that following Jesus is not as impossible as sometimes seems.

*Here we are, you and I, called to be God's Holy People.
You say you're not the holy type, but I'm not talking about holier-than-thou.
I'm not talking about religious ritual and the last thing I mean is self-righteousness!*

*Jesus chastised the self-righteous,
the ones who spent their days doing religious things,
the ones who spent so much time in religious ritual
that they didn't have time for tenderheartedness.*

*I'm not talking about them; I'm talking about us.
I'm talking about paying attention to the things Jesus taught people,
ordinary people, people like you, people like me . . .
Look at the disciples: ordinary people called to follow, called to be God's Holy People,
called to live in this world with tender hearts.*

*Live holy lives . . . impossible?
Is anything impossible to God?*

*That old woman Sarah thought it impossible to have a child . . .
The lepers thought it impossible to be healed . . .
The disciples thought it impossible to feed five thousand with two loaves and five fishes . . .
Mary and Martha thought it impossible that their brother Lazarus was alive . . .
The lame thought it impossible to walk . . .
The blind thought it impossible to see . . .*

*Here we are, ordinary people, called to be the Holy People of God.
If you have eyes to see and ears to hear, see and hear God's holiness in your life.*

*"God's Holy People", Searching for Shalom, Ann Weems,
Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, © 1991, pp. 75-76.*

Grace and Peace.

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