Food for Thought

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There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.
Leonard Cohen

Compassion means that if I see my friend and my enemy in equal need, I shall help both equally. Justice demands that we seek and find the stranger, the broken, the prisoner and comfort them and offer them help.…

Mechtild of Magdeburg

A parish must become a missionary parish. When we talk about a missionary parish there are two dimensions — within and outside. The mission within is with the churchgoers. But we have to keep in mind those who are without. And those who are within we have to provoke in order to have them be missionaries going out.

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Memory is different from history. History is about events that occurred long ago to someone else. Memory is my story. It’s about where I come from and of what narrative I am a part. History answers the question, “What happened?” Memory answers the question, “Who, then am I?” … I cherish the richness of knowing that my life is a chapter in a book begun by my ancestors long ago, to which I will add my contribution before handing it on to my children.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

It has been my conviction that any religion that professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the social and economic conditions that scar the soul, is a spiritually moribund religion only waiting for the day to be buried.

Martin Luther King

The poor are not our problem: we are theirs.

Gustavo Gutierrez

The days are long gone, one hopes, when missionaries thought they were bringing God to godless people, or that they were the givers and the people were simply the recipients.… By now we should have discovered how God’s Spirit lives in others’ lives, and how much we ourselves have to learn and receive from others.

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