

Worship Sharing 1/12/21

Maintaining our center in challenging times.

“There is a spirit which I feel that delights to do no evil, nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy its own end. Its hope is to outlive all wrath and contention, and to weary out all exaltation and cruelty, or whatever is of a nature contrary to itself. It sees to the end of all temptations. As it bears no evil in itself, so it conceives none in thoughts of any other. If it be betrayed it bears it, for its ground and spring is in the mercies of God. Its crown is meekness, its life is everlasting love unfeigned; and takes its kingdom with entreaty and not with contention, and keeps it by lowliness of mind.”

James Nayler, 1656

“Too many times we pray for ease, but that prayer is seldom met. What we need to pray for is roots that reach deep into the Eternal, so that when the rains fall and the winds blow, we won’t be swept asunder.”

Philip Gulley

“The likeness we bear to Jesus is more essential than our notions of him.”

Lucretia Mott

Queries

In what way do these quotes speak to your condition?

What resources or practices have you found helpful when seeking the hope that can “outlive all wrath and contention”?

How have you remained grounded in these times, or found grounding again when swept away by events in your life?