

Worship Sharing 12-20-22
“Seeking the Spirit”

There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren.

– John Woolman, “Considerations on Keeping Negroes,” 1746

Cast aside, now, thy burdensome cares and put away thy toilsome business. Yield room for some little time to God.

– Anselm (1033–1109), *Proslogium*

Remember, it is a still voice that speaks to us in this day, and that it is not to be heard in the noises and hurries of the mind. Jesus loved and chose solitudes, often going to mountains, to gardens, and seashores to avoid crowds and hurries to show his disciples it was good to be solitary and sit loose to the world.

– William Penn,
Preface to *The Journal of George Fox*, 1694

I am morally certain, that I have many a day gone through the cares and concerns of life, with much more composure, stability, satisfaction and propriety, for the strength and assistance I have found in drawing near to God in solemn silence in my family.

– Job Scott,
Journal, 1797

Queries

How do these quotes speak to your experience?

What practices help you “Yield room for some little time to God.”?

How do you find that the practice of “solemn silence” has helped you in daily life?