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ORDINARY TIMES

Epiphany in Ordinary Time

We are in the liturgical season of *Ordinary Time*. I'm not sure why the church committee which created the liturgical calendar called it *Ordinary*, but there it is. After the brief one-Sunday flair of red on Pentecost we head into 23 Sundays of *Ordinary Time* draped in green. Add 8 weeks of Epiphany and you've got more than half the Sundays of the year adorned with green. Sorry, but it's boring. Why the committee didn't make more use of red to celebrate the Season of Pentecost, the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit is beyond me, but take that's a church committee for you.

It's just Ordinary Time.

And isn't that where most of us live most of our lives most of the time? Not in the excitement of Easter or the deep reflection of Lent, not in the warm glow of Christmas Eve or fiery burst of the flames of Pentecost, not with the bagpipes and drums of Kirking of the Tartans. Most of us live most of our lives most of the time in the mundane, boring, ordinary, ho-hum, everyday days of our lives.

But...

Perhaps it is precisely in the ordinary times where we are called to look for the presence of God. Maybe in the days when nothing special seems to be happening, we can discover the gift of God's spirit.

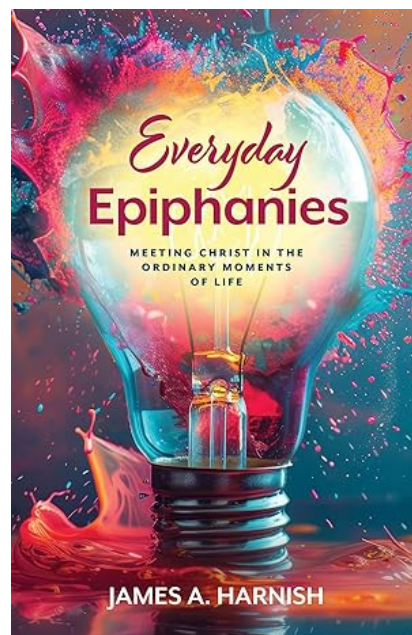
My prolific preacher brother just released a new book called

Everyday Epiphanies: Meeting Christ in the Ordinary Moments of Life. He says, "My grounding conviction is that Epiphany still happens when we experience the extraordinary presence of Christ in the ordinary patterns of our lives." His lead-in is the well-known poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

*Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes.
The rest sit around and pluck blackberries.*

Epiphany is not just a season on the liturgical calendar, it can happen anytime, anywhere, if we keep our eyes open and our hearts alert to where God might meet us.

Even on the boring, ordinary days of our lives.
Even in Ordinary Time.



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