

Personal Reflection – April 21, 2022

Proclivity

Walter Brueggemann sends me to the dictionary almost daily! Today, the phrase was, *the social proclivity of God*.

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DEFINITION

an inclination or predisposition toward something

I think of my own proclivity for laughter and making jokes = I slide down that slope often and naturally!

I have a story proclivity: I'll always have a story to enliven any conversation! That's a natural, easy slope for me to slide down.

I have musical proclivity: hear me sing!

As well, I notice that my proclivities meet my own physical, spiritual, and psychological needs! The evidence of my proclivities is my behavior: what do I love to do? What do I do easily, all the time? What do I refuse not to do?

You can't *not* slide down a slippery slope!

So God is, according to Walter, fond of getting involved in human affairs, unable not to be an active agent in human history, unable not to be incarnate today! As Matthew's Gospel ends: "And remember, I am with you always" ... with a strong social proclivity - the social proclivity of God.

Wow! Thank you, Walter!

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