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I often read Wes Roberts' blog (the link is on this page on Favorite Sites.) I enjoy his thoughts, and he is always digging for treasures to share with others to encourage us all in our walks with God. I found these two posts there today and thought they might provoke some good thinking for you as they did for me.

The Real Work

It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.

The impeded stream is the one that sings.

-Wendell Berry

Afraid of Being Hurt.....

We may need most to pity persons who have had no problems too big for themselves. Such persons have no remembrance of pain and loss and a crying in the night which will let them hear this in the life of another. Perhaps of all people they are the most lost---lost to self and to a world acquainted with grief.

Somehow we keep our lives so well hidden from one another that we do not guess that we are not alone. Distrust is among our subtle illnesses. We were given hearts for "reciprocal trust," but fear has built high walls. We are afraid of being hurt, and when we talk, we make ourselves vulnerable. What we say can be used against us or betray our loyalty to another, and so we add isolation to our own burden and the burden of others. ...

from--Journey Inward, Journey Outward...by--Elizabeth O'Connor

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