

“faith”

A GREAT DEAL OF WHAT I SAY JUST LEAVES ME OPEN, I SUPPOSE, TO A VAST AMOUNT OF MISUNDERSTANDING . A GREAT DEAL OF WHAT I SAY IS BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION WHICH I HOLD AND DON'T ALWAYS STATE. YOU KNOW MY FURY ABOUT PEOPLE IS BASED PRECISELY ON THE FACT THAT I CONSIDER THEM TO BE RESPONSIBLE, MORAL CREATURES WHO SO OFTEN DO NOT ACT THAT WAY. BUT I AM NOT SURPRISED WHEN THEY DO. I AM NOT THAT WRETCHED A PESSIMIST, AND I WOULDN'T SOUND THE WAY I SOUND IF I DID NOT EXPECT WHAT I EXPECT FROM HUMAN BEINGS, IF I DIDN'T HAVE SOME ULTIMATE FAITH AND LOVE, FAITH IN THEM AND LOVE FOR THEM. YOU SEE, I AM A HUMAN BEING TOO, AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO STAND IN JUDGEMENT OF THE WORLD AS THOUGH I AM NOT A PART OF IT. WHAT I AM DEMANDING OF OTHER PEOPLE IS WHAT I AM DEMANDING OF MYSELF.

baldwin.

“SOLITUDE.”

EDITH
WHARTON

TO DECORATE ONE’S INNER HOUSE
SO RICHLY THAT ONE IS CONTENT
THERE, GLAD TO WELCOME ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO COME AND STAY, BUT
HAPPY ALL THE SAME WHEN ONE IS
I N E V I T A B L Y ALONE.

I BELIEVE I KNOW THE
ONLY CURE, WHICH IS TO
MAKE ONE’S CENTER OF
LIFE INSIDE OF ONE’S
SELF, NOT SELFISHLY OR
EXCLUDINGLY, BUT WITH
A KIND OF UNASSAILABLE
SERENITY--

“Dem meatskins is got tuh rattle tuh make out they’s alive. Let ‘em consulate theyselves wid talk. ‘Course, talkin’ don’t amount tuh uh hill uh beans when yuh can’t do nothin’ else. And listenin’ tuh dat kind uh talk is jus’ lak openin’ yo mouth and lettin’ de moon shine down yo’ throat. It’s a known fact Phoeby, you got tuh go there tuh know there. Yo’ papa and yo’ mama and nobody else can’t tell yuh and show yuh. Two things everybody’s got tuh do fuh theyselves. They got tuh go tuh God, and they got tuh find out about livin’ fuh theyselves.”

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“Janie”

Their Eyes Were Watching God | Zora Neale Hurston

“livin’.”

WE PUT NO STUMBLING BLOCK
IN ANYONE'S PATH, SO THAT OUR
MINISTRY WILL NOT BE DISCRED-
ITED. RATHER, AS SERVANTS OF
GOD WE COMMEND OURSELVES
IN EVERY WAY: IN GREAT ENDUR-
ANCE; IN TROUBLES, HARDSHIPS
AND DISTRESSES; IN BEATINGS,
IMPRISONMENTS AND RIOTS; IN
HARD WORK, SLEEPLESS NIGHTS
AND HUNGER; IN PURITY, UNDER-
STANDING, PATIENCE AND KIND-
NESS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN
SINCERE LOVE; IN TRUTHFUL
SPEECH AND IN THE POWER OF
GOD; WITH WEAPONS OF RIGH-
TEOUSNESS IN THE RIGHT HAND
AND IN THE LEFT; THROUGH
GLORY AND DISHONOR, BAD RE-
PORT AND GOOD REPORT; GEN-
UINE, YET REGARDED AS IM-
POSTERS; KNOWN, YET
REGARDED AS UNKNOWN, DY-
ING, AND YET WE LIVE ON; BEAT-
EN, AND YET NOT KILLED; SOR-
ROWFUL, YET ALWAYS
REJOICING; POOR, YET NOT MAK-
ING ANY RICH; HAVING NOTHING
AND YET POSSESSING EVERY-
THING.

"ministry."

SECOND CORINTHIANS
CHAPTER THREE
VERSUS SIX TO TEN
