

A14 | Awaken to God's Presence | Micah 6:8 Lectio Divina
Project Zion Podcast

Hi this is Tyler Marz, Community of Christ minister and spiritual companion. Part of my journey is finding the divine in everyday life. Today I invite you to join me in Lectio Divina of Micah 6:8.

I invite you to take a few deep breaths to center you focus and your attention. As I read the scripture simply let the words flow inward.

(Micah 6:8 NRSVUE)

**He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Who are these mortals this passage speaks of? Do you include yourself?

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When you think of the word “require” what comes to mind?

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What does it mean to you to do justice?
Love kindness?
Walk humbly with God?

Is it more than just actions? Is there a mindset or a changed heart that needs to take place to more fully embody these principles?

As I read this one final time, I invite you to set aside all that you have thought of and simply let the words wash over you.

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In closing I read these words adapted from Brian McLaren adapted from this passage

(Adapted from Rev. Brian McLaren)¹

In that light, whatever you choose to call yourself, Christian or not, I hope you will aspire to be a *humble* human being . . . *religiously* . . .

I hope you will desire to be a *kind* human being, because . . . that person you call your enemy . . . that person is part of your family, part of your species, part of your story, part of your kind. . .

In addition to being a *humble* and *kind* human being, I hope you will aspire to being a *just* human being. Don't seek power over others to control or exploit them or harm them. Instead, use whatever power that comes your way for the common good, so that all people everywhere can share equal justice and equal dignity. Seek justice. Love justice. Do justice. Be a just human being . . .

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¹ Brian D. McLaren, *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* (New York: St. Martin's Essentials, 2022), 217, 218, 219, 220.