



First United Methodist Church of Hanford
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"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

Do you make to-do-lists? I must confess I do not always! I know that making a list of things to do are good, but if we concentrate too much doing what is on our to-do list, we can forget the importance of simply being. After all, we are human beings not human doings. God calls us to be many things: joyful, thankful, kind, forgiving and patient, just to name a few. But the most important "be" command is found all throughout the Bible: be holy; in other words, be like Jesus. That may sound like an impossible achievement but the secret is found in another "be" verse: be still. If we want to become Christ-like, we need to schedule quiet moments each day to settle our spirit, and ask him to give us strength to honor him in everything we say and do.

The most important thing to do every day is to practice being like Jesus. Even when our day does not turn out like we hoped it would or like we planned. Even when we have to deal with a difficult person or when we receive bad news. Even when we are still dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic! We will always face plenty of opportunities to choose between behaving like Christ would or acting on our natural instincts. In those moments, what we do will reflect who we are becoming. And that is much more important than crossing off every item on the longest to-do list.

Let us pray: Our God, help us to always keep being like Christ as the first and most important item on our to-do list. Amen.

"Now I can say I Live a Day" (John Wesley)

Pastor Pablo

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Online Devotionals

To grow in your relationship with God and others, it is important to have some spiritual disciplines in your life. Below are some helpful websites that will lead you to read scripture, pray, and focus on God.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

A daily devotional including scripture lesson and story.

UPPER ROOM DAILY REFLECTIONS <https://upperroombooks.com/neweverymorning/>