



## Day Five

### Awakening to God's Presence

What identifies us? Really?  
How do people know  
who we are?  
What we value?  
Where our lives are going?  
Reflecting on life teaches us  
that identity is not  
as stable as it may seem  
if we build it upon  
appearances and accomplishments.  
Once these things shift  
or disappear altogether,  
we reconfigure our identities.  
We think or wish that they  
could be more durable, fixed  
for today and for all time.  
Faith can shape our identities  
if we allow it to do that.  
Faith gives us conviction  
about God's truth and love for us.  
Faith gives us power  
to act on that truth and love.  
Faith is alive.  
It penetrates our hearts deeply  
and passes into our hands deftly.  
And so, it makes a difference in our world.  
Where there is faith, there is life.  
It touches all of life,  
for our whole life.  
It affects even the least details of everyday life.  
Others will see that.  
What identifies us? Really?

### Living by God's Grace

Identify with faith and live by faith.

### **Acknowledging God's Gifts**

May this night's rest  
give me the quiet and distance I need  
from the many things  
that pressure me.

Those things beg for my attention and acquiescence,  
pulling me, vying for my time,  
trying to define who I am.

Lord, grace this day now ending.

Draw it into your gentle mercy.

Let me hold to whatever good I have done  
for the benefit of others, and  
for the glory of your name.

As tomorrow's dawn arrives,  
keep me focused on you, and  
on those I love and serve.

Strengthen my faith.

I want to be all that you have created me to be.

For this day, thank you.

Bless this night.

May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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