

Clearing Out The Clutter

So much stuff!
clothes that no longer fit
stains that won't wash
buttons missing and seams undone
toys which are broken and tangled
or with pieces missing
creased trumps cards
odd marbles
party bag fillers
toys and books outgrown
craft projects half down
teddies which hold memories
and can't be thrown away
toys never opened or played with
bits and bobs
lurking at the bottom of draws
messy toy boxes and book shelves
time for a good clearout!

So much stuff!
memories of the past
we want to cherish
and hold on to
scars we wish we could forget
thoughts which come back
to haunt us and weigh us down
voices inside our head
which damage confidence
and prevent us from moving on
people and relationships
we neglect and don't have time for
guilt and shame
we wish we could banish
broken relationships
we wish we could mend
or leave behind.
Time for a good clear out!

Jesus asks,
"What is it you want from me?"
as he calls people
to leave their homes
and their families
their jobs and their friends
and to follow him
into an unknown future
travelling light
with few possessions
relying on the hospitality

and generosity of others
learning what is important
and what really matters
learning to trust God
building friendships
experiencing life
knowing what weighs others down.

Jesus asks,
"What is it you want from me?"
and he gives freely
not of possessions or things
but of gifts
that have a deeper value
love -
for those that are unloved
acceptance -
for those that are rejected by society
justice -
for those who are wronged
friendship -
for those who are lonely
food -
for those who are hungry
peace -
for those who are tormented.

Jesus asks,
"What is it you want from me?"
as he invites
those who have learned to travel light
to share a last meal with him
perfume is poured out
extravagantly
to be used in love
not held back
for its monetary value
Bread is broken
This is my body
Given for you
This is my blood
Poured out for you
Not bread and wine
But body and blood
Life itself!

In this bread
all humanity
are called
to be one.

[share bread]

In this wine
all humanity
are called
to a new way of life.
[share wine]

Jesus asks,
“What is it you want from me?”
and invites us
to God’s table
to share in the life
God gives us
Jesus offers us
A chance to clear out
the clutter of our lives
to be forgiven
and live free
of the things that weigh us down
and to travel light
to give and receive
gifts that last
gifts not of things
but the deeper gifts
of God and of ourselves!

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