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HENRI NOUWEN'S The Genesee Diary

"Next semester I will be fully occupied with teaching. My task is not to make beautiful windows but to lead students into the synagogue where they can see the splendid colors when the sunlight shines through them."

Nouwen recognizes in order to teach people ~~How~~ about prayer, he must first find a way to bring them to approach the learning material from the "inside," and he uses a metaphor of seeing a stained glass window from inside a ~~synagogue~~ synagogue. ~~How~~ ~~How~~ While Nouwen doesn't share practical teaching methods on how to bring people ~~inside~~ inside I understand a general movement of how spiritual learning happens. - it is simply giving invitation to learners to step into this ~~an~~ inner chapel. I find Nouwen's ontology ~~a~~ stepping into the world of Jewish people to see the stained glass ~~as~~ ~~as~~ to ~~step~~ entering into a life of a praying person to experience what praying is ~~a~~ helpful while imperfect. I think there is a desire in me to go the monastery or temple and participate in the full (Buddhist)

appreciates that I gave undivided attention to Reading ~~Augustine's~~ an assigned article for my theology class (which ~~was~~ dealt with a concept I have trouble reconciling with).

I kept talking about Wells' idea to my children in Middle School. It is about attention - all studies and practices - and this is your prayer to God.

Glenn Mitchell's collection of ^{quotes} ~~different~~ of writers who have practiced reading as sacrament is lovely. • Thomas Merton's method of reading is ~~not~~ like experiencing ~~time~~. Kairos time, rather than Chronos time, I think I know what he means by this. "to rise above thought and penetrate into the mystery of truth which is experienced intuitively as present and actual." The only thing is that I have a hard time with the word truth, what is it? Here Augustine's Reading may be helpful. He would say (I may be wrong - I only read ~~any book from~~ ^{any portion} of City of God). Truth is God, God-self. I need to ReRead the part where he defines a lie. Truth, it seems to ~~be~~ me, can only be defined ~~as~~ ^{by} the opposite of lie. Difficult...

• I'll follow Mitchell's advice and use these ~~opportunities~~ as prayer entries and/or journal entries.
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Margaret Gunther's "Holy Listening" (Introduction) reminds me, ~~that this is~~ a dance of TRINITY-
~~Thuanation~~ Focusing all my attention to study the Scripture and words of wise theologian ~~brings me~~ ^{lifts} me up from the ground. My Head is ~~stuck~~ in the clouds. But I believe that's not where God wants me to hang out 24/7. God also ~~wants me~~ sends me to ~~go~~ real people, and allows me to be God's ear. This is an honorable task. Right Now I have children in my house. Just this morning when my daughter ~~sister~~ mentioned her friend texted her to stay home if she has a sore throat. I yeped at her for texting in the morning. Instead of packing lunch, I channelled my stress of school work left behind into ~~be~~ my reaction. I missed an opportunity to Listen. But this is a difficult task. — to be in tune, to take the posture of Listening 24-7.