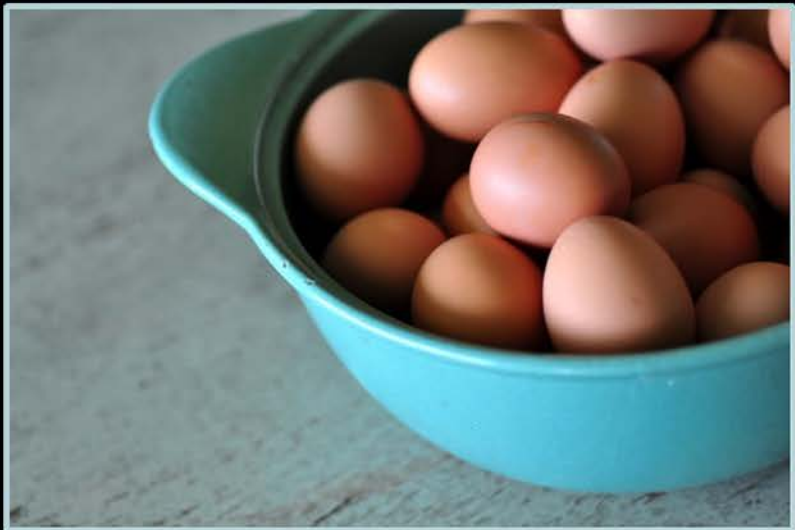




a year of *graces*



a holy  experience



january

“Joy is always a function of gratitude —
and gratitude is always a function of perspective.
If we are going to change our lives, what we’re
going to have to change is the way we see.”

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february

“God isn’t asking us to earn His love.
He’s simply asking us to turn towards His love.”

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march

“Holy joy lies in the habit of murmuring thanks to God for the smallest of graces.”

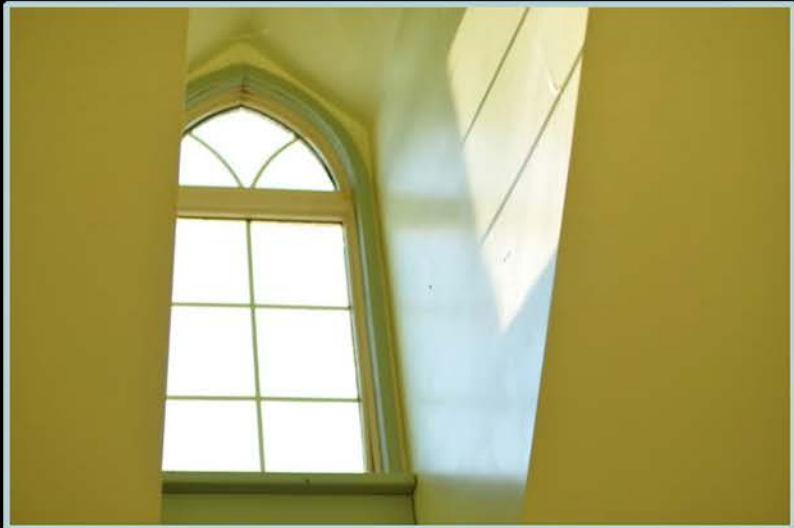
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april

“Paying attention to our lives
is a way to pay thanks to our Lord.”

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may

“God doesn't drive us to achieve.
He simply asks us to come receive.
All great things are an overflow of His grace.”

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june

“No one receives the peace of God without giving thanks to God.
Thankfulness is the deep, contented breath of Peacefulness.”

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july

“When grief and grace both kindle in us
the same flame of gratitude towards God ---
it’s only then that our love for God
ignites into a pure blaze of glory.”

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august

“Praise, not Perfection.
What God seeks is not my perfection,
but my praise.”

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september

"If God really works in everything,
why don't we thank Him in everything?
Why be afraid of anything,
when God is using everything?"

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october

“To bring the sacrifice of thanksgiving is to sacrifice our understanding of what’s beneficial and thank God for everything --- because *He* is benevolent. A sacrifice of thanks lays down our perspective and raises hands in praise anyways – always.”

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november

“If gratitude is an antidote for anxiety,
and giving thanks is a real cure for stress,
we don’t have to relegate thanksgiving to a holiday,
for giving thanks to God revolutionizes all of our days.”

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December

“No one gets to joy
by trying to make everything perfect.
One only arrives there
by seeing in every imperfection
all that is joy.”

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No matter what this year holds --

In the stressful times : seek God.

In the painful times : praise God.

In the terrible times : trust God.

And at all times — at all times – at all times

thank God.

That this year might be a *year of grace*

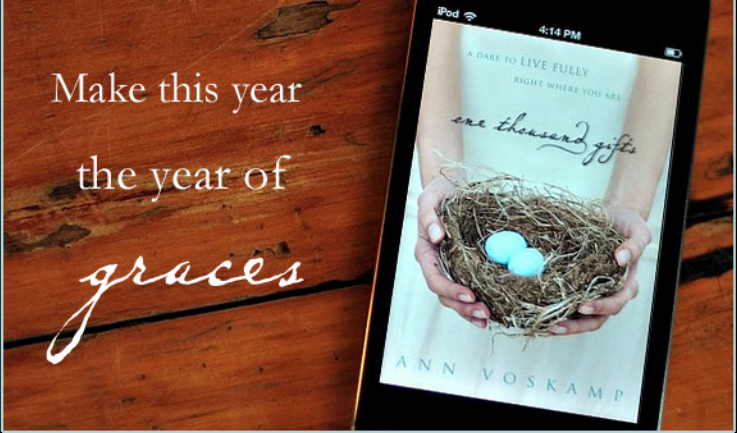
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