

MCC REFRIGERATOR CARD

God Wants to Know: Where are You?

Genesis 3: 8-10

Mark 3: 20-25

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We are all a little crazy. Some of us can't even manage to wear matching shoes! Crazy is good if it means you see & react to the world in a way that's different, as long as it is gentle & loving. So I tell people you don't have to be crazy to be a member of MCCQC – but it helps! Remember, Jesus' family wanted to take him away in a strait jacket! Where are you? It's a question God asks of us today. It's a little like the guy awakened at 3 a.m. by a loud pounding on the door. He writes, "After I had slowly come to my senses, stumbled out of bed & mustered the courage to answer the door, on my porch was a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain. "I'm stuck. I need a push." "Not a chance" he said. It's 3 o'clock in the morning!" and he closed the door & returned to bed. Then he remembered that about 3 months ago when his car broke down, 2 guys helped him out and he was ashamed of himself. So, he got up, dressed & went out the pounding rain. "Hello, are you still there?" He called out into the dark, almost hoping there would be no reply. "Yes," a voice answered. He sighed. "Do you still need a push?" "Yes, please!" Where are you?" the man asked. "Over here, on the swing!"

The thing is, we have GPS on our phones to tell us exactly where we are, but we are still like those first humans, hiding from God, hiding from ourselves. Sometimes what we really need is a little push to remind us it's OK to swing on the swings or to walk in the rain or whatever.

Last night MCCQC hosted the first ever Transcendent Fashion show benefitting the transgender community. I had the most marvelous experience of seeing some people really claim who they are in front of an audience for the first time. I am so proud

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of MCCQC & all of the people who came or worked to support these folks who I think are some of the bravest people on the planet. We are on this fragile blue spinning marble together, & most folks don't have a clue why. When God asks, "**Where are you?**" I think God is asking, "**Where is your head at?**" A late great friend of mine used to say, "a friend is someone who knows where your head is at when you don't." God knows where our head is at – do we?

Where are you? I'm naked and afraid. OK. Naked is ok. God didn't care about the naked part; that's the way God made us! I love the line from Ru Paul that says, "We're all born naked, everything else is drag!" I will be so glad when we in this country come to understand that human bodies are OK – male, female, fat, skinny – it's a body: God made it and it's not something to be ashamed of!

I was naked and afraid. It's natural to be afraid when we know we've done something wrong. The thing is, we usually make it worse by trying to hide. If you are afraid – don't wait for God to ask, "**Where are you?**" Seek out God. Our God longs to be with us & to love us into our best selves.

A wise man sat in the audience & cracked a joke. Everyone laughed. Then he told the joke again & fewer laughed. He kept telling the joke over & over until no one was laughing. Then he said: "You don't laugh over & over at the same joke, so why do you keep crying over the same thing over & over again?" Hmmm...

"Where are you?" God asks. I hope, like Jesus, you can answer, "with my brothers & sisters who are seeking to do God's will. There are many families like that & MCCQC is one of them – a family that is knit together by our love for God & for one another. I don't have any more to say together, except to ask that each of us really hear God asking us this week, **"Where are you?"**