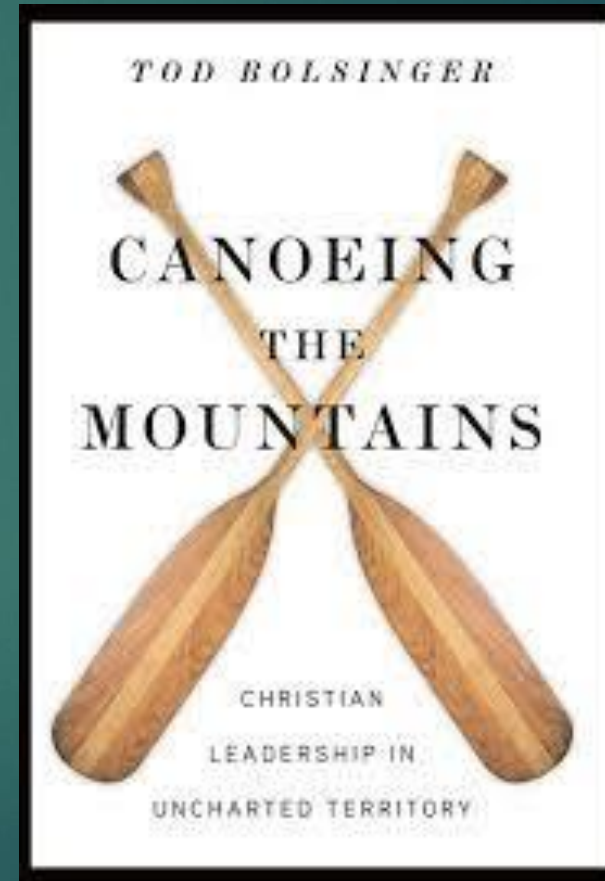
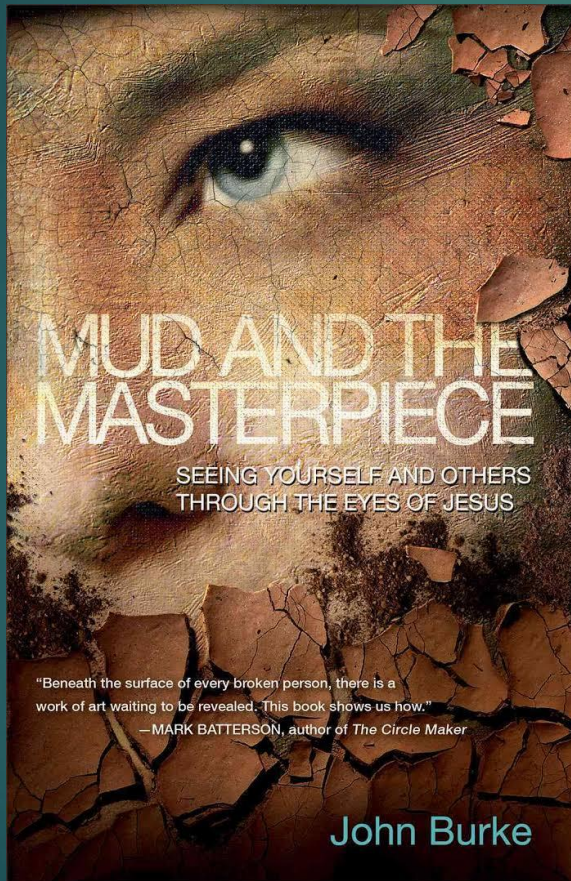


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Stepping Closer

Prayer a priority for Jesus

Luke 5:16 But **Jesus** often withdrew to lonely places and **prayed**.

Luke 11:1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray

John 17

Jesus prays for his disciples at that time and for all who would become his disciples

Who will you pray for?

Who will you pray with?

What will you pray for them?



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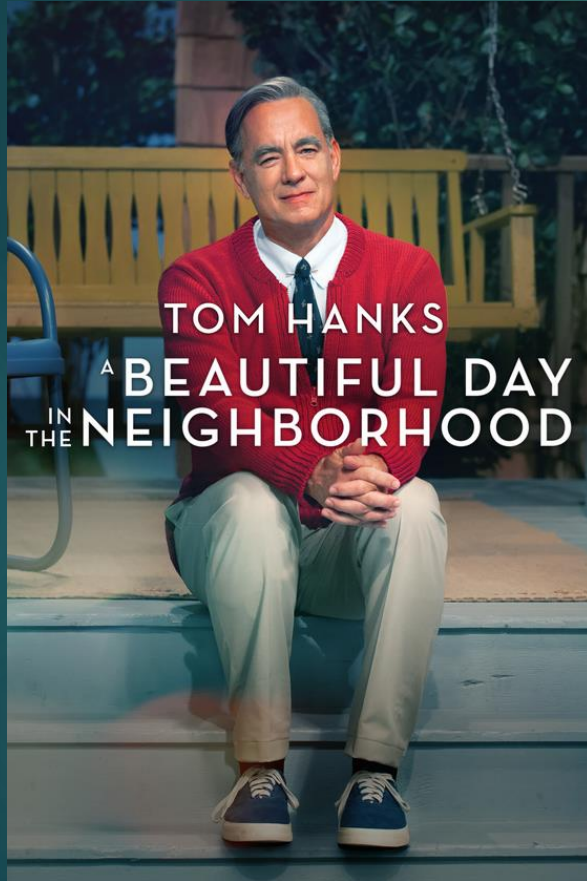
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Fred Rogers



Everybody longs to be loved and longs to know he or she are loveable ... and consequently the greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they are loved and capable of loving

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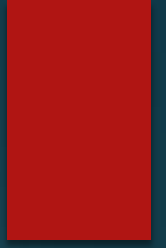
Ephesians 1:18-20

I **pray** that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and **his incomparably great power** for us who believe. That **power** is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he **raised Christ from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms

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Philippians 2:5-8



In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death –
even death on a cross!