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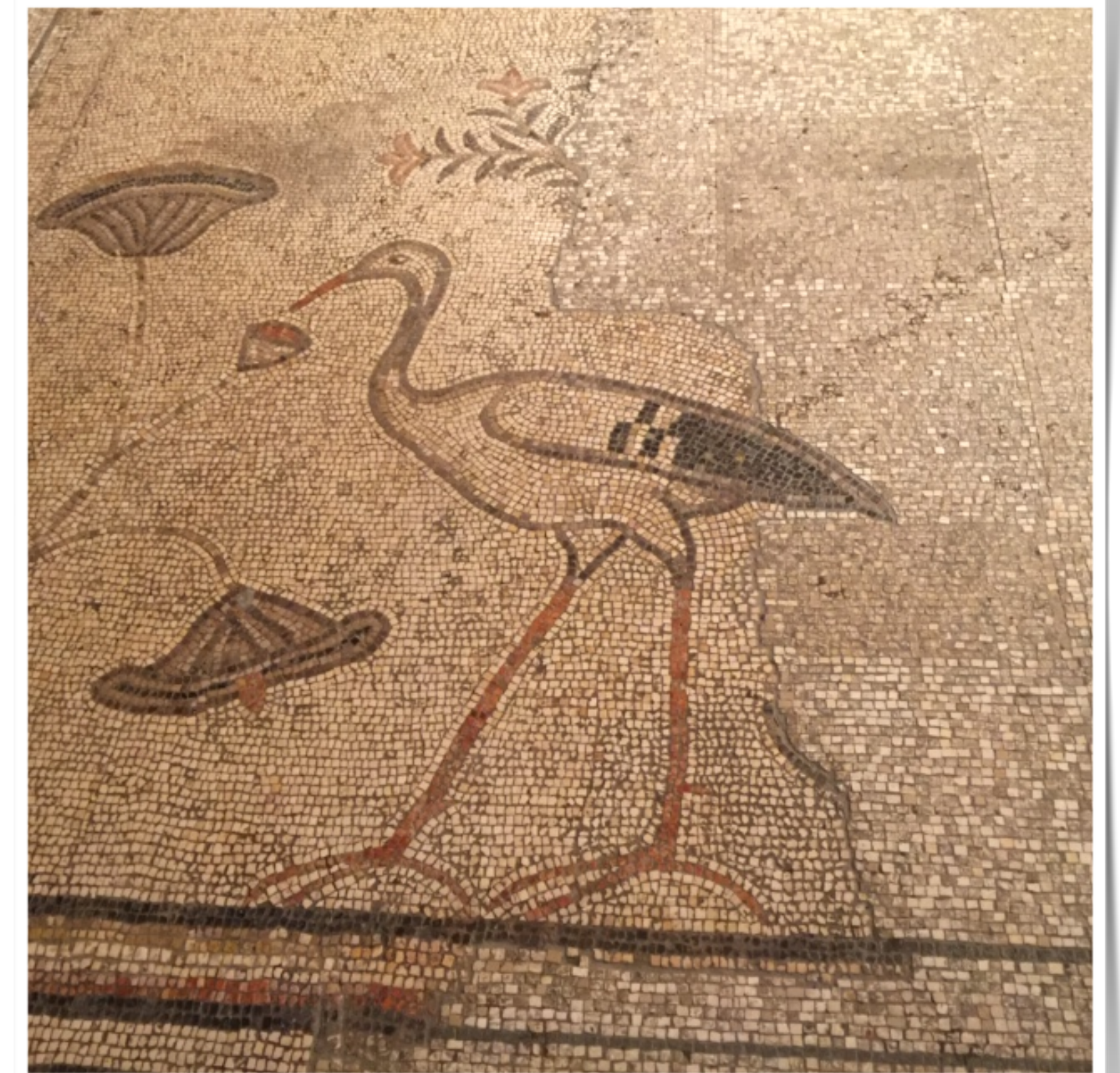
Be still

You might like to click [here](#) to listen to this song *Take My Life* by Kari Jobe, as we ask God to take every part of us to use as He would choose.

The Single Eye

Grant me, O Lord, the single eye, that I may see
The one thing needful
The thing you want done.
Don't let my vision be blurred by looking at too
Many things or trying to please any one but you.
Give me simplicity of heart, quiet confidence in
You, eagerness to know and do your will,
Like your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
my beloved Brother and Lord.

George Appleton



- Find a place to sit quietly
- Give thanks to God for who He is
- Be aware of God's loving eyes watching over you
- Ask the God for the grace of simplicity, quiet confidence and eagerness to do His will



Read the passage from John 6 slowly - and as you do, what words or phrases strike you?

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.



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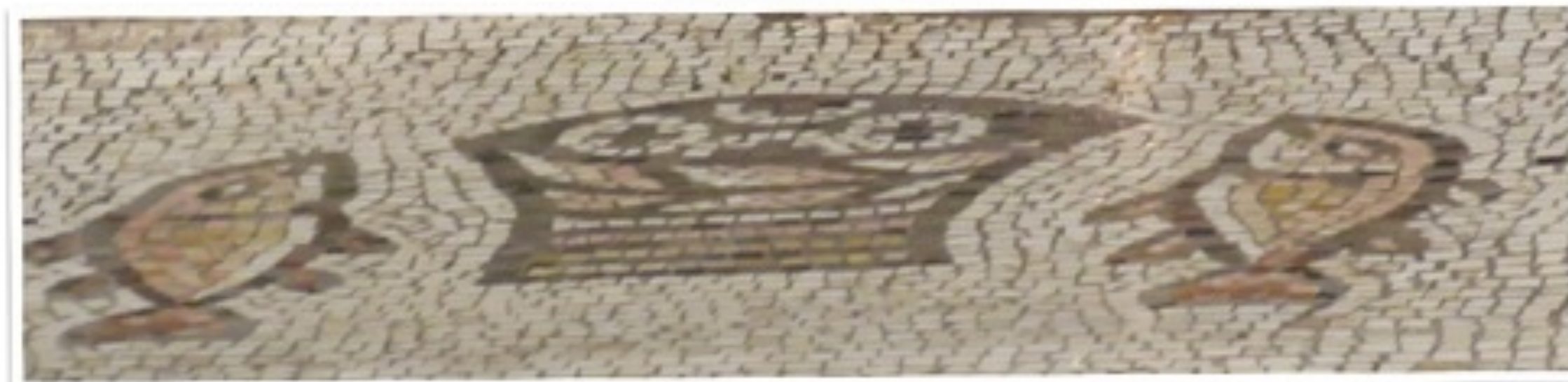
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How has the Spirit been at work in your heart as you have prayed?

What are the barley loaves and fish that God has given you to share and help Him feed his people?

What is the one thing needful that He wants you to do?

Maybe you would like to note down what God has revealed to you in this time

As you pray you might like to listen to this instrumental piece of music by John Catchings: [Take my life and let it be.](#)



Faith in a great God

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6



People say, 'Lord, increase our faith.' Did not the Lord rebuke his disciples for that prayer? He said 'You do not want a great faith, but faith in a great God.'

James O Fraser in Praying for the World p41

I am created to do something or to be something for which no one else is created; I have a place in God's counsels, in God's world, which no one else has; whether I be rich or poor, despised or esteemed by man, God knows me and calls me by name.

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission – I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.....I have a part in a great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.



Therefore I will trust Him.

Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him;
if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us.

He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink,
hide the future from me
He still knows what He is about.

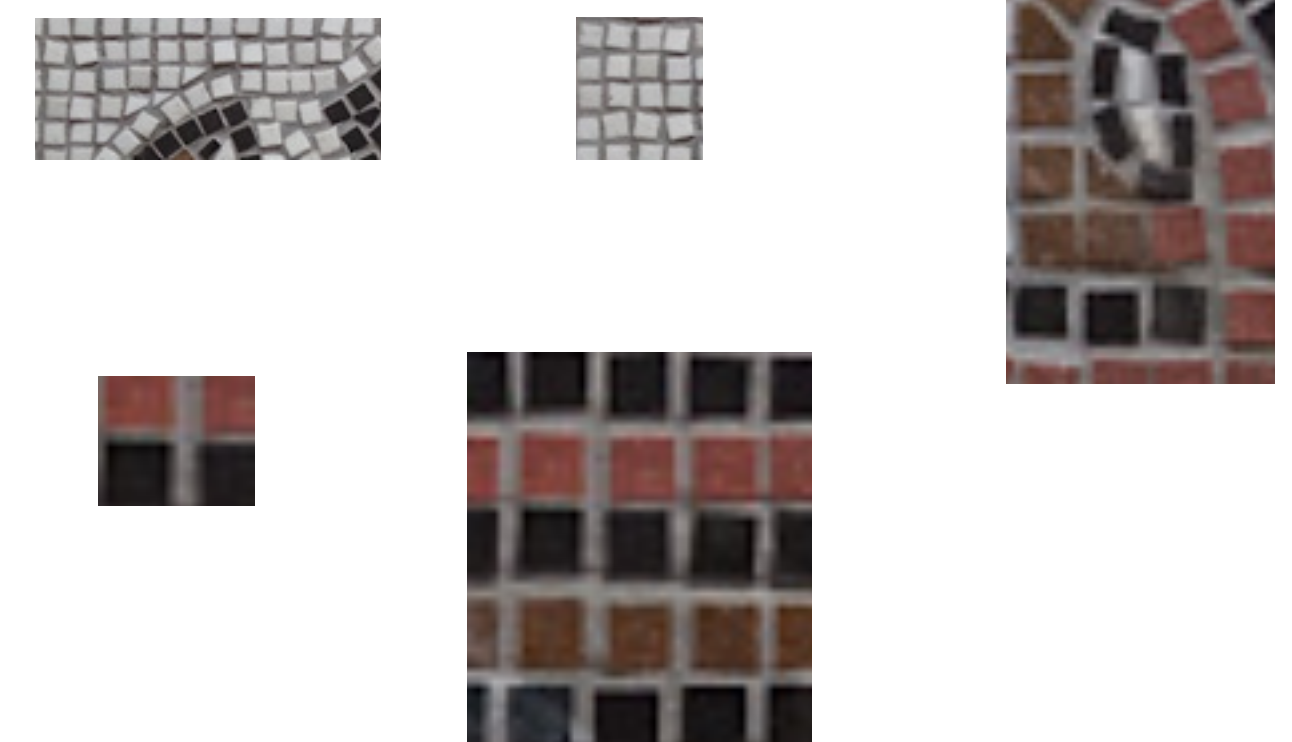


John Henry Cardinal Newman

Creative prayer

MOSAICS

- Mosaics are a beautiful way of realising how important each one of us is in God's purpose and plan.
- On the next slide is a beautiful mosaic of the barley bread and fish. It was made by Rev Jonnie Parkin and the photograph is provided by Judith Parkin.
- Print out the mosaic and cut out different pieces of the mosaic.
- You can cut sections out individually or a few pieces together in a block
- Then make your own mosaic of the bread and fish by sticking these on a piece of card.
- As you do stick each piece down pray for God's blessing on someone else you know.







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