

Monday, 23 August, 2021 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

A fictional conversation, borrowed for our consideration this morning...

Me: Hey God.

God: Hey, _____.

Me: I'm about to break.

God: Why do you think that is?

Me: Because life just keeps getting harder.

God: Then you need to become softer.

Me: Huh?

God: Here is the thing:
glass is hard
but it can shatter
easily when dropped;
rock is hard
but it can be broken
quickly with a drill;
gold is hard
but it can be melted
in a blazing fire;
don't be so hard
that you break down so easily;
be soft
like wet clay
in the hands of a potter;
be soft like
river water
in the summer;
be soft like
the breeze through
a row of tall pines;
all of those things
survive no matter what
happens to them,
they endure because
they haven't built their
existence out of hard
materials.

Be soft with other people,
don't break them
with your words
and don't let them
break you with theirs;
be soft with yourself
your heart is more cotton
than iron,
your soul is wrapped
in the softest of fabrics
for a reason.

The softer you become
the more you understand
how precious all life is;
be more of cotton
than you are of concrete
- love isn't cold granite,
love is shapeless,
love is like ocean water
gently passing through your toes.
In a world where the hardness of diamonds
helps determine its worth
don't become one yourself;
become so soft
that nothing can
break you.
(John Roedel)

Prayer: Lord, help me to be soft in your love, so that in the strength which surpasses understanding I may be a part of building your Kingdom - in myself, in others, in this world. Amen.