

The Long Listening: A Pilgrimage Through Scripture

A reflective journey through the Bible — not for study, but for soul-listening.

Move through the Bible with 66 brief reflections, one from each book, creating space for wonder, hope and renewal. This is not a study guide, but an invitation to listen deeply to the ancient words of Scripture, allowing them to speak to your life, awaken insight, nurture compassion, and guide you in bringing love and goodness into the world. Each reflection offers a verse, a contemplative meditation, and gentle prompts to help you pause, breathe, and live with the wisdom you encounter.

[Genesis] What Am I Here For?

*“Then God took Abram outside and said,
‘Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can!
As many as that, you will have for descendants.’”
– Genesis 15:5, The Inclusive Bible*

Abraham never stopped asking, *What am I here for?*

He asked –
even when it meant another step along a dusty way,
even on the edge of desert times,
even when he laughed, and grieved, and lied,
even in old age,
even when the promise seemed bigger than reality.
What am I here for?

I like to think the night stars were a comfort for Abraham,
that every fear-filled day
was folded into night with a sky-full of stars.
And looking up,
Abraham would know himself speechless,
spinning in the womb of Divine space.

And “*What am I here for?*” would lose the hard edge of ego
and then, his softened heart
would fill with the shape of blessing,
traced in stardust.

REFLECTION PROMPT

*Where in the world do you sense awe and possibility arising?
Take a moment tonight to gaze at the stars or the night sky.
Whisper your questions or hopes to God. Notice what rises in you.*