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STORIES TO TELL

Here's a story for today, as related by Rabbi Adam Morris:

A great rabbi, the Seer of Lublin, said that he once passed by a synagogue from which shone a supernal light. He thought, "certainly, there are great scholars inside, studying the Torah in holiness." But when he entered, he found two ordinary Jews having a conversation. He asked them, "Friends, what are you talking about?" They told him that they were telling stories about the deeds of the righteous ones. The Seer was moved, for he realized that their storytelling produced the same divine light and illumination as does Torah study.

I bet you have stories to share. This past Sunday, when I met with a group after worship for further discussion on the book of Job, I asked them to think about what had been helpful to them during times of grief. The stories they told were full of light:

After a death in the family, neighbors brought food to the house; after the sharing of a concern in worship, people formed a huddle of compassion around a family; at a memorial service, friends from childhood returned to share their support.

I bet you have stories to share, and the week of Thanksgiving is a good time to do it.

Who has made a difference in the world, and in your life?
Was it a co-worker, a teacher, or even a stranger?
Whoever it was, tell the story, even if you only tell it to yourself.
See if the divine light glows a little brighter.

I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
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