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Grace and Peace!

I came across this recently, from the late, great Presbyterian theologian and pastor, Eugene Peterson:

Everyone is in a hurry. The persons whom I lead in worship, among whom I counsel, visit, pray, preach and teach, want shortcuts. They want me to help them fill out the form that will get them instant credit (in eternity). They are impatient for results.

But the Christian life cannot mature under such conditions . . . Freidrich Nietzche, who saw this era of spiritual truth with great clarity, wrote: "The essential thing 'in heaven and earth' is . . . that there should be a long obedience in the same direction.

A long obedience in the same direction—that is how we make the life we are trying to make for ourselves as Christians. There are no shortcuts to the life in Christ that we seek. It is not often terribly dramatic or even exciting. But if that is the life we seek, then the way we find it is by the steady and faithful habits ingrained in us by long and repetitive practice of Jesus' teachings: Love your neighbor, worship God, pray, love everybody else. We all know what sort of life we are called to.

On Sunday morning, we will have the chance to celebrate the Lord's Supper together once again. It is one of those habits that becomes engrained in us through years of practice. I hope you can join us at the church. If not, please do so through the website: millerpresby.com.

Blessings,
Brian Jones