

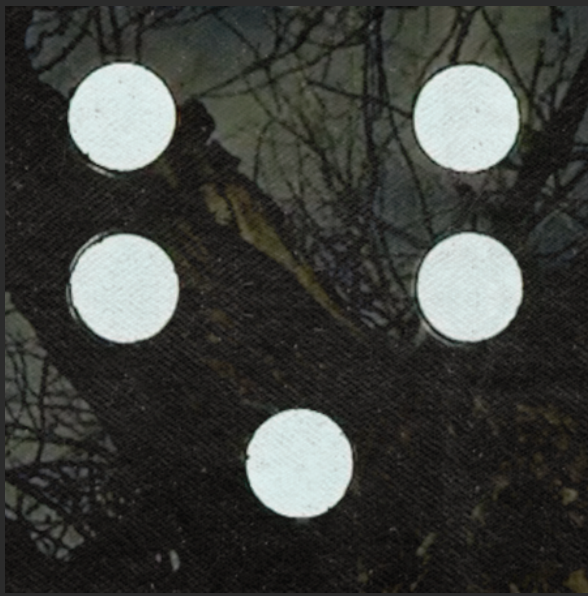
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2 CORINTHIANS  
6:1-10

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*ashes to ashes  
dust to dust*




***“In this brief transit where  
the dreams cross the  
dream-crossed twilight  
between birth and dying,  
Ash Wednesday.”***

***- T.S. Eliot***



*a liturgy*  
for ash wednesday

*6:1 As we work together with God,  
we entreat you also not to accept  
the grace of God in vain. 2 For  
God says, "At an acceptable time I  
have listened to you, and on a day  
of salvation I have helped you."  
Look, now is the acceptable time;  
look, now is the day of salvation!*







***We are God's co-workers, not the Most High's minions nor the Almighty's underlings. We participate in God's salvific liberation with a posture of "power with" rather than "power over."***



# Look, *now*



*How might you, as a  
Divine co-laborer,  
reflect this  
participatory  
power this lent?*



**“New beginnings  
invariably come from old  
false things that are  
allowed to die.”**

**— RICHARD  
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*inhale*



*exhale*



I HAVE LISTENED TO YOU...  
I HAVE HELPED YOU...

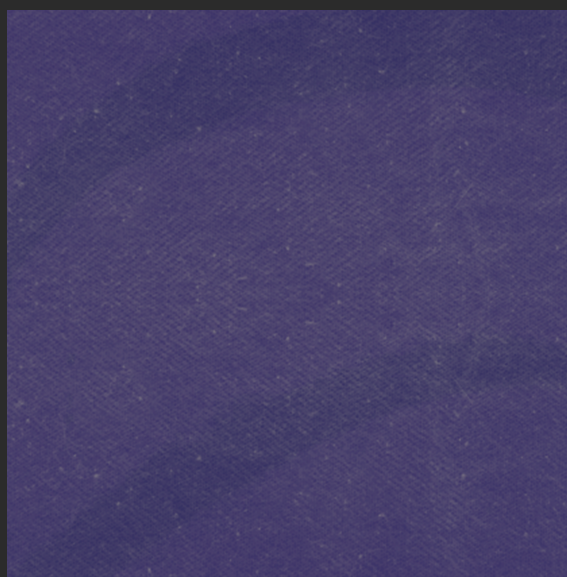
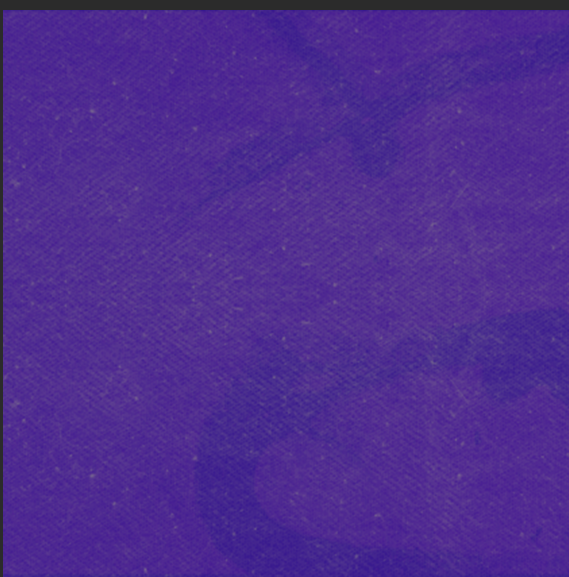
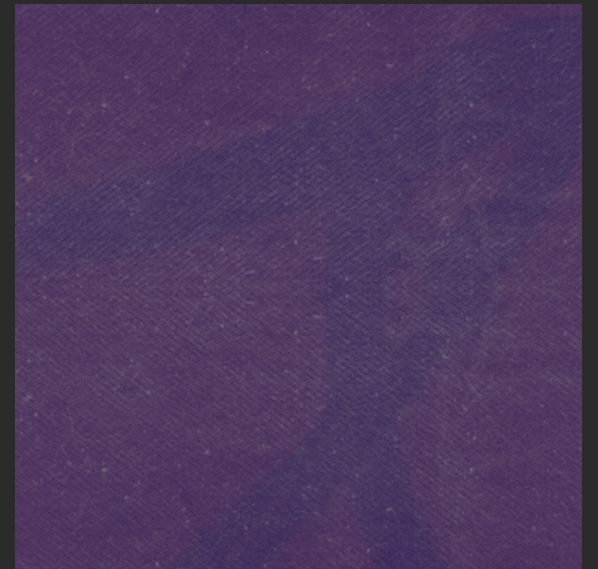
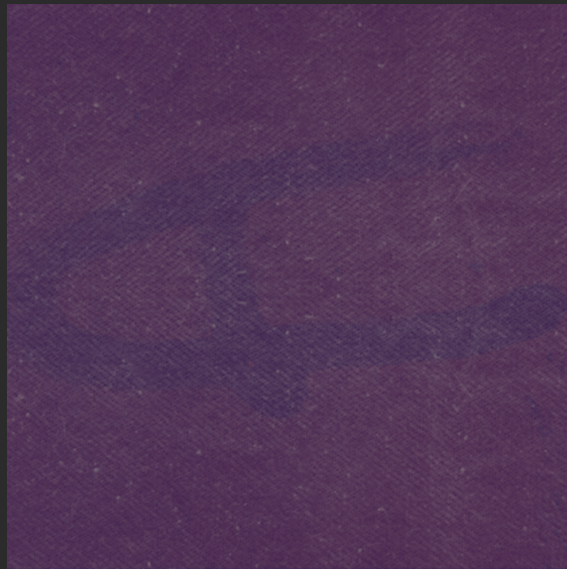




# Ashes to Ashes



***3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;***





***What might this Divine co-laborer  
relationship be asking of us?***

***What might it cost us  
in this season?***





*inhale*



*exhale*



**6** IN PURITY, KNOWLEDGE, PATIENCE,  
KINDNESS, HOLINESS OF SPIRIT,  
GENUINE LOVE, **7** TRUTHFUL SPEECH,  
AND THE POWER OF GOD; WITH THE  
WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THE  
RIGHT HAND AND FOR THE LEFT; **8** IN  
HONOR AND DISHONOR, IN ILL REPUTE  
AND GOOD REPUTE.

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***We are invited here to participate in work in all states of being alongside our divine partner. This work can be joyful and strenuous.***



***When you close your eyes, how do you envision this work? What pictures or images come to mind? What is your body doing right now in response?***



*inhale*



*exhale*



# Dust to Dust

*We are treated as impostors  
and yet are true, 9 as unknown  
and yet are well known, as  
dying and look—we are alive,  
as punished and yet not killed,  
10 as sorrowful yet always  
rejoicing, as poor yet making  
many rich, as having nothing  
and yet possessing everything.*







*Where are the glimpses of hope that we are noticing that are emerging alongside the seasons of loss and grief?*

*How are we invited to hold both of those simultaneously in tension with each other?*



*inhale*



*exhale*



# 2 CORINTHIANS

## 6:1-10

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