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# COMMITTEE STUDY

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JUNE

## Prayer

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Gracious God, thank you for calling us to serve you,  
and to lead a congregation for those so in need of your love and grace.  
You've called us to be a place where people can live in love,  
and where people can experience your presence.  
So be with us as we make decisions tonight.  
Help us to seek your wisdom over mere human wisdom,  
your logic over common logic,  
and your guidance over the guidance of convention and convenience.  
Help us to be your servants serving collaboratively and cooperatively,  
seeking unity of heart and mind,  
so that we can lead our church with your guidance, grace, and love. Amen

## Thomas Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion*

Each one of us can live such a life of amazing power and peace and serenity, of integration and confidence and simplified multiplicity, on one condition—that is, *if we really want to*. There is a divine Abyss within all of us, a holy Infinite Center, a Heart, a Life who speaks in us and through us to the



world. We have all heard this holy Whisper at times. At times we have followed the Whisper, and amazing equilibrium of life, amazing effectiveness of living set in. But too many of us have heeded the Voice only at times. Only at times have we submitted to His holy guidance. We have not counted this Holy Thing within us to be the most precious thing in the world. We have not surrendered all else, to attend to it alone. Let me repeat. Most of us, I fear, have not surrendered all else, in order to attend to the Holy Within.

## Discussion Questions:

- What gets in the way of our “really wanting to,” and what would help us to surrender?
- What does this passage say to us about what we’re called to do as leaders of the church?