

**Wednesday, March 17**

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My husband, Bob, and I have always been movie buffs. In the Dark Ages, when people went out to movies, we went to two a week, sometimes three. As we began to stay home to watch movies, we searched Goodwill and thrift stores for VHS movies, then DVDs. We eventually got Netflix and Prime, so now we watch something just about every night.

We gravitate towards mystery and drama, so through the years we have enjoyed “Midsomer Murders” and “Masterpiece Theatre” on PBS on Saturday and Sunday nights. We had stopped watching Midsomer Murders some years back because we had seen them all several times each. This past year, however, I found myself drawn back to “Midsomer Murders.” The good news is that I have forgotten most of them, so it is like watching something for the first time. Other episodes I may remember the murderer but not the motive. With a few, however, I remember both the murderer and the motive, as was the case not long ago.

When I first realized I knew the whole plot, I thought I would switch to a movie and found I did not want to. I wanted to watch that episode. Why? I asked myself, and the answer came to me: OTHER PEOPLE ARE WATCHING THIS. I realized I am people-starved. Despite extreme dry eye disease, I teared up that Saturday night, and as I am now writing about it a few weeks later.

I have had access to fewer people and for shorter periods of time this last year than ever before. I am so hungry to go home to Louisiana, I can taste it, as we say down there. Twice I have come really close to throwing caution to the wind and making the trip. Seven members of my immediate family in Louisiana have had the virus, and a few were very ill. I am grateful that all but one seem to be making full recoveries. The long-term effect on my sister-in-law who is battling lung cancer remains to be seen.

I don't know yet if my relationship with God has grown through this year, but I do know this: When I can see people again, can be with people, especially my family, I am going to be grateful for a LONG time!