

Cornelia Connelly: Her Life

Scripture

Psalms 139

Jeremiah 18:1–6

Isaiah 41:8-10

You, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious hand.

Ephesians 3:14-21

"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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Revelations 3: 20 – 21

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Cornelia's Thoughts



...He will dwell with us in secret and condescend to love and be loved by his creature with an intensity far beyond all comprehensible human love. CC 8:4

O my God! If all this happiness is not to Your greater glory and the good of my soul take it from me. I make the sacrifice. D 76:55

O God help me to live, not I but Jesus in me, in his spirit of sacrifice and suffering with only God in view – the reparation of his glory and the salvation of souls – for this end even suffering becomes sweet. CC 21:80

In the service of God, nothing is little, and those things which appear trifling in our eyes are the very things God loves; for he regards not great things but simply obedience and the heart...If a king were to demand a flower that I held in my hand, would it not be a great fault to refuse it on the plea of desiring to bestow on him a rare plant which I did not possess? So it is with Almighty God. Let us simply give him what he asks of us. CC 54:34

It is in suffering and especially the suffering of the heart that Charity takes root, but it requires always the soil of humility to nourish it. D 76:20

Resources

1. [SHCJ American Province website – Cornelia Connelly](#)
2. [Timeline of Cornelia Connelly's Life](#)
3. [Cornelia Connelly](#) by Judith A. Talvacchia

Additional Resources

1. [The Life of Cornelia Connelly](#)
2. [One Woman's Journey in Faith](#)
3. [Yes, Lord, Always Yes](#) by Elizabeth Mary Strub, SHCJ
4. [A Woman Styled Bold](#) by Radegunde Flaxman, SHCJ (very detailed)
5. [Cornelia Connelly and Her Interpreters](#) by Judith Lancaster, SHCJ
6. Other resources in [Cornelia Connelly Library](#)

Reflection Questions

1. What aspect of Cornelia's life touches you? Inspires you?
2. How does your story and Cornelia's story connect?
3. What might God be inviting you to through your reflections on Cornelia?
4. If Cornelia could speak with you personally, what would she say to you? What would you say to her?
5. Do you have any questions about Cornelia that you would like to ask your mentor?