



4/23/26: Persistence

“A woodpecker can tap twenty times on a thousand trees and get nowhere, but stay busy. Or he can tap twenty thousand times on one tree and get dinner.”

Seth Gordin.

It's time for me to get busy drilling down on that which I can best do- that which makes a real and positive difference. I need to apply myself, as Frederick Buechner said, where God calls me to that place where my deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. But, oh, the trees are so many and so inviting. Perhaps I should pause my tapping and ask the trees.

Trying to identify that one issue, circumstance, condition, or relationship that defines the world's deep hunger is, perhaps, not the right question for me. Perhaps what the world hungers for, what God wants from (for?) all of us is to *have the hunger* to bring love, healing, compassion, justice, and humanity to anywhere it is needed. And it's needed everywhere - always. Maybe, these weekly writings are more than God's prompts for me to sort out what I want to do when I grow up, but also who I want to be. Bear with me, I never meant to be such a sap-sucker. Already by receiving notes with the grace you do, you are helping me sort that out. I'd be nice to stop banging my head, so thank you. We march on and it's good to have you joining me along the way.

Happy Thinksday