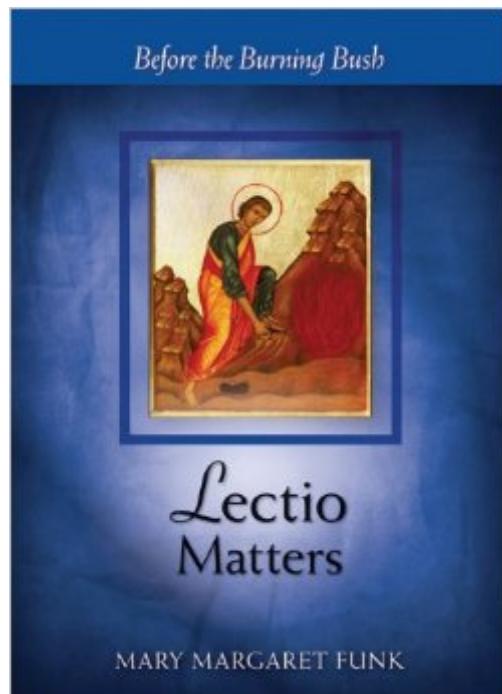


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suggestion is that the reader take a text that they are attracted to for some reason and stay with the text for a longer period of days, weeks and maybe even months. The lectio she proposes also expands into art, music, talking with others about the text and many more opportunities to deepen the text. This idea has helped me in my personal life and in my ministry of preaching and teaching. As I have reflected on it, it is somewhat arrogant to believe that one can sit down with a text and exhaust it in five minutes or a half hour. At the time I read the book, I was considering Romans 8, a rather complex chapter and one that I was not particularly fond of for a variety of reasons.

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