What If Narrate Ceased to Exist Tomorrow?

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Matthew 13v1-9

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9

In the last couple of years, how has your need for or interest in doing faith in community changed?

Is Narrate's arrow up or down?

Colossians 4v2
"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

- 2. To what extent, if any, will you give place and priority to face-to-face relationships and their myriad inconveniences?
- 1. How will you give boundaries to technology in general and screens and social media in particular?

3. What is your commitment to and need for a Sunday church experience?

Digital Minimalism by Cal Newport
The New Media Epidemic by Jean-Claude Larchet

Deuteronomy 15v15

"Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today."

4. To what extent, if any, will you give priority to specifically Christian formation practices?

Acts 2v42

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

5.If Narrate ceased to exist tomorrow, how would you reorganize your life, especially your spiritual life?

"...many users give the new media a central place in their lives; the place God should occupy in the normal religious life of the faithful. They give them much time; they sacrifice their strength to them; they give up many things for them in what resembles a kind of detachment. Like ascetics, they give up food, and especially sleep in their service, and begin and end the day with them, just like religious folk with their morning and evening prayers." _ Jean-Claude Larchet

Songs: Follow You, As You Find Me, Deeper Well, Confession, Be Thou My Vision

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