

[examen prayer]

- [1] Become aware of the presence of God and His love for you.
- [2] Review the week with gratitude.
- [3] While asking yourself the following questions, be attentive to what you're feeling or to what you're thinking:
 - Where in your week did you experience consolation; joy, comfort, peace?
 - Where in your week did you experience desolation; sadness, frustration, or failure?
- [4] As you become attentive to your desolation; What sadness, frustration, or failure might you need to confess? Where might you need to receive forgiveness?
- [5] With hope, look toward tomorrow. What newness would the Holy Spirit be inviting you into?

So far nothing I thought would happen, happened. I thought I'd go back to RFK, not a chance. I thought we would senior Pastor, not a chance. I thought I'd work for Salvation Army or Union Rescue Mission OC, not a chance. I thought I'd work at Home Depot, not a chance. It's been 9 months!!! No paycheck since June. Some money has come in through gifts and speaking, but nothing compared to a salary. We lost \$6K a month and we are making it on Robin's salary alone! We love our home, we love having Janae, Alan & Ruby here and Christmas is a week away. I shouldn't be happy, but I am. I should be worried, but I'm not. I want to start a non profit business, which I have no business doing or any idea of how to do it, but I am going to do it. I will start hopenet and it will bring hope to thousands and it will allow ministers an opportunity to make side hustle money to make ends meet. This will happen! I will publish my book, The Pharisee Factory. This too will happen. This is what is now my life - out of my control, but muddling my way through it at FIFTY SEVEN years old! Not what I expected. I thought I'd be riding off into the purple sunset of RFK, as a respected social change agent. I am a grandpa in a robe this morning.
