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Unpacking Things!

Moving takes a lot of energy! No, I don't mean routine movement, rather the intense/intentional act of sorting, disposing, packing and moving one's existence from one place to another. We've all done it at some point in our lives; moved from our parent's home to our own place, moved from a smaller house to a larger one with a growing family; and from a larger home to a smaller one as we age.

As I've shared my experience of moving with you, I also got to hear your stories about moving. Places you moved to or from; boxes that remain unpacked many years after moving; and items you once needed now being moved out. The task of unpacking things during or soon after a move takes a lot of mental and physical energy. So I've spent a lot of that energy with boxes and boxes and boxes of books.

Now that my books have been unboxed, I'm trying to figure out where and how to organize them. In a way, the task of preaching involves packing and unpacking a Scripture. It requires a bit of patience as the preacher reads, studies, prays and waits for just the right thing to proclaim. When preparing to preach to a new congregation the preacher gets to grapple with the Word of the Lord while learning how the Word has been made known to those assembled in a particular place and at a particular time.

Thank you for your patience while I continue to unpack things and discover where and how to place them in just the right space.

Blessings,

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