



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021, MORNING MESSAGE

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Wednesday's message made a cryptic reference to the poem *Mending Wall* by Robert Frost. The image of a stone fence or wall that spans a field may be familiar to you. I recall seeing such walls or fences during trips across the countryside; oftentimes with gaping holes where the stones have given way. I think it's the gaps in the ways that makes them appear so quaint. The poem reminds us that stone walls are continually in need of repair.

And we do so, believing that "Good fences make good neighbors."

Oh, how much energy do we waste when we continue to build walls or repair ancient walls meant to keep others out, or are they meant to keep ourselves within?

Jesus speaks to the disciples and to us about stumbling blocks. He's referring to the stumbling blocks we create for others but in the end become hazardous to us as well. Are we willing to leave the gaps in the walls or are we willing to dismantle them all together?

There's something powerful in Frost's line,  
*Something there is that doesn't love a wall,  
That wants it down.*

Blessings,  
Edward