

The most-read Century Blog posts

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Here are the year's most-read posts by the *Century* editors and guest bloggers.

(Listed separately: the top posts from [Then & Now](#), the [CCblogs](#) network, [Drew Hart](#)'s blog, [Carol Howard Merritt](#)'s blog, and [Steve Thorngate](#)'s blog.)

1) [Do I have to take Isaiah 58:7 literally?](#) by Celeste Kennel-Shank.

Supporting nonprofits is like bringing homeless people into your own house. Right?

2) [American Christianity in exile?](#) by Benjamin J. Dueholm. We still enjoy a kind of wealth, prestige, institutional heft, political clout, and legal protection that would stupefy Jesus of Nazareth.

3) [Warning: The last shall be first](#), by Gordon Cosby, with Rebecca Stelle.

As I am dying, I am seeing in a new way. I am seeing that weakness is a gift.

4) [Bart Ehrman is part of a legitimate, ongoing conversation](#), by Greg Carey. This is not about liberals and secularists attacking the church. It's an ongoing debate that crosses the usual party lines.

5) [The quest for a common loaf](#), by Angela Dienhart Hancock. "Take and eat," Jesus said, passing the bread around. And everybody did—except for Philip, who went away hungry, for he was allergic to gluten.

6) [Five comforts of monocultural church](#), by Amy Frykholm. In a monocultural church, you have the benefit of the illusion that everyone understands you and you understand everyone.

7) [Why I listen to K-LOVE Radio](#), by Katherine Willis Pershey. I got "saved" at a Carman concert when I was 12. It wasn't the first time.

8) [Why I stayed](#), name withheld. Each woman's story is different, and each woman's story is differently shattered.

9) [Reading the Fifth Gospel](#), by Ruth Everhart. Why are Presbyterians so fixated on the politics of Israel? Maybe because we have no idea how else to

approach this land.

10) [Three lessons mainline pastors can take from Mark Driscoll's resignation](#), by L. Roger Owens. We watch from a distance with bemused smiles. But this is a cautionary tale.

11) [Misogyny, #yesallwomen, and the role of the church](#), by Bromleigh McCleneghan. Each mass killing scares me. This one is harder.

12) [My fear of the cross](#), by Darcey Steinke. Religion does not make me happy. It gives me tools to help me deal with myself.

13) [Preaching with a broken heart](#), by McKinna Rae Daugherty. My long-time boyfriend and I recently ended our relationship. The next week, I was scheduled to preach.

14) [Five ways churches can support families providing foster care](#), by Jamie Calloway-Hanauer. We often give foster parents pedestal status. But they, like the rest of us, need all the help they can get.