

Tuesday digest

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- James Harnish on a lawyer's [journey to church](#): "There was no hostility in Larry's question. He had not rejected religion; he simply didn't need it. He had moved along the typical path of an upwardly mobile professional, his life consumed by work." (subscription required)
- Carol Howard Merritt on [the pastor as writer](#): "After a couple of years of sweating over each syllable, I suddenly needed the words. I hungered to write them. On vacations, my family urged me to take a break and I became cranky. What happened? How did the words begin to grow like wildflowers that I no longer had to coddle?"
- Mark Labberton's [lectionary column for Sunday, November 6](#): "I love being free. I especially love autonomous freedom—the delight of pursuing and doing what I want. The problem is that autonomous freedom is near the root of what the Bible calls sin." (subscription required)
- What's [the gospel in seven words](#)?

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