



The Remarkable Ordinary
By Frederick Buechner

Buechner always had a talent in using a play with words to get his message across and he has certainly done this with the title of this book, first published in 2017. The subtitle says, “How to Stop, Look, And Listen to Life.” The entire premise of this easily read work of prose is that our lives are composed of frameable moments that are unique and worth looking at like a fine piece of art. He tells much of the details of his own life, some of which would drive most folks into valleys of depression, but he saw such details, especially as he reflected back some time later, as valuable moments that made him more human.

He makes no bones about the fact that he has learned so much from other people. Genius that he was as a writer, he never sits in judgement or pontificates as though he has the secrets of the universe. He writes like a guide who opens doors for tourists and shows them amazing things for which he takes no credit. What is remarkable is the WAY he sees the world around him and it becomes so very obvious that he wants us to see what he sees. He knows sorrow, joy, happiness, love, disappointment, anguish, and doesn’t mind telling you about it because it is part of his world, just as it is part of ours. His life in this world ended last Fall as he went to be with the Church Eternal, but his value to readers lives on.

If you like to read to help you fall asleep, don’t do that with this book. You will keep turning the pages until you see that morning is not that far off and you had best put it down if you want to have any sleep at all.

Find it on Amazon for \$17.00 along with many of his other publications.

Peace,
Michael Slayter