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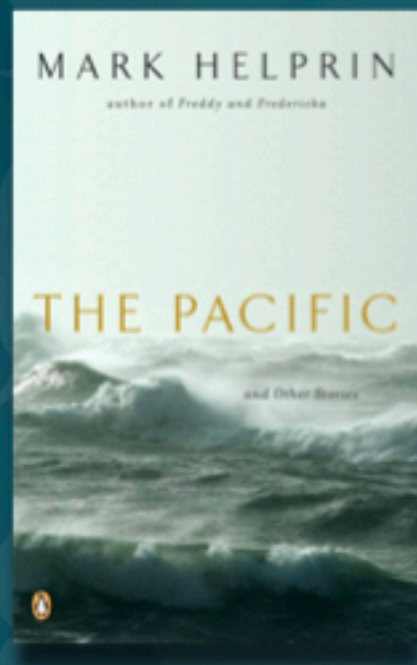
So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

vv. 12-13

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The heat was such that even the porcelain might melt. He felt this heat, but did not move. Nor did he want to move even as all he had built and worked for over so many years vanished before him at great speed. . . .

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For he had already left it behind, and his spirit had been unlocked, and his soul freed, in a gift that had come on the wind.

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For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

vv. 14-16

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Frederik deBoer

For many people, it is impossible to think without simultaneously thinking about what other people would think about what you're thinking. And this is exhausting and deeply unsatisfying. . . .

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As long as your self-conception is tied up in your perception of other people's conception of you, you will never be free to occupy a personality with confidence; you're always at the mercy of the next person's dim opinion of you and your whole deal.

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David Brooks

Parents glow with extra fervor when their child studies hard, practices hard, wins first place, gets into a prestigious college. This sort of love is merit-based. It is not simply: I love you. It is, I love you when you stay on my balance beam. . . .

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David Brooks

Children in such families come to feel that childhood is a performance. . . . The shadowy presence of conditional love produces a fear, the fear that there is no utterly safe love; there is no completely secure place where young people can be utterly honest and themselves.

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Parental love is supposed to be oblivious to achievement. It's meant to be an unconditional support—a gift that cannot be bought and cannot be earned. It sits outside the logic of the meritocracy, the closest humans come to grace.

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and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

v. 17

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Rev. James Lawson

You have to keep in your mind an imagery of infinite possibility.

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Martin Luther

This is but a little word, and yet notwithstanding it comprehendeth all things Although I be oppressed with anguish and terror on every side and seem to be forsaken and utterly cast away from thy presence, yet I am thy child and Thou art my Father for Christ's sake. I am beloved because of the Beloved.

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