

1: Amy Hollingsworth " Author. Speaker. Friend.

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One of the things I enjoyed most about my friendship with Fred Rogers was the stories he told me from his childhood. He was deeply in touch with the joys-and the pathos-of his younger years. One of those stories, which he related to me the summer before he died, reflects his keen sense of both. For Fred, perhaps the earliest prototype of a true "neighbor" took the form of an elderly woman who lived in his hometown of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Many times five-year-old Freddy as he was called would amble up her back-porch steps looking for a snack. He would arrive strategically on her back doorstep because it led straight to her kitchen, where she often made him his favorite treat-toast sticks. One day Mama Bell asked Freddy if he would like to make the toast sticks on his own. He was prompted to put the bread in the toaster, allowed to slowly butter the toasted slice, and then top it off with a dollop of jam. Mama Bell even let him carefully cut the toast into four long sticks. Very soon after that encounter, Mama Bell got sick and died. Many decades later, Fred wondered if somehow Mama Bell had known she was reaching toward heaven and wanted Freddy to have this experience as a comfort to him, as a reminder of their unique friendship. Even though she was gone, he could now make toast sticks on his own, and he would always think of Mama Bell as he made them. Toast sticks may seem like a simple legacy, but they had a profound effect upon a young boy. But I had wondered if something was wrong. His last letter to me, the one that arrived three weeks before he died, was typed. He had never typed his letters to me before; they were always handwritten. I suspected that for some reason his staff had to be involved in completing that last letter. But at the close of it, in his own hand, he had written, "Grace and Peace and Love to you all. For years-through our letters, our conversations, and our prayers for one another-Fred had left me with spiritual "toast sticks," a legacy that would comfort me long after he was gone, providing sustenance of a different kind. Now that I had them, I could enjoy them on my own, even when he was no longer here. But Fred knew better than that. Sustenance is to be shared. During my second visit to the Neighborhood, Fred was taping a program on sharing. He held a fig bar up to the camera and said, "I wish I could break this in two and share it with you. And as a matter of fact I was thinking of you, Amy, as I broke that fig bar in two. And yet there was no way I could put that food through the television set, so I said there are other ways of sharing. Other ways of nourishing. And so with that in mind, I began to gather up the spiritual toast sticks Fred Rogers had bequeathed to me.

2: The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers by Amy Hollingsworth - | BookPage

The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers focuses on Mr. Rogers' spiritual legacy, but it is much more than that. It shows us a man who, to paraphrase the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "preached the gospel at all times; when necessary he used words."

Over the next few decades, Mr. Amy Hollingsworth, who once interviewed Fred Rogers, and later became a lifelong friend, observes in her book how his kind, gentle nature never varied in-person to on-screen, how he valued silence and truth, and how he deeply and sincerely loved people—especially children. Thoughts I watched some Mr. Rogers back in my day, but not very much. Rogers always struck me as a kind, good sort of man—not the kind of person you see often on TV nowadays. The reason why I picked up this book, though, was because I am on the mailing list of an author, who recommended this book in a list of books. He said that reading the book actually made him cry more than once, a comment which definitely piqued my curiosity, coming as it did from someone who has a pretty secular worldview. So I borrowed the book, and was reintroduced to Mr. Rogers, a man who I had apparently not paid enough attention to back in my early television watching days. You can be an accuser or an advocate. What made the difference with us—is that we came in love. But he also fiercely guarded his time of quiet and reflection silence accomplishes more than noise, especially when it comes to prayer. Silence to think about those who have helped us. He knew that silence leads to reflection, that reflection leads to appreciation, and that appreciation looks about for someone to thank. Everyone leaves behind something. Everyday ritual was important. When Mister Rogers left, you knew he was coming back. The essence of prayer is relationship. Prayer is not only a daily discipline that deepens our relationship with God; it also provides a way for us to be together in our aloneness. And because of her need, and the sincerity of the old preacher, the Holy Spirit was able to translate the words—poorly constructed as they were—into exactly what she needed to hear. Nurturing, soft-spoken, inventive, and musical: Fred was unrelenting in his desire to let children know it was all right to share their feelings—especially negative ones. And the anger probably goes back for centuries. If we could just know that. You should judge every person by his merits—find that little speck of good—by this you will raise him up, and help him return to God. I often think about that. And this recognition manifests itself in acts of loving and practical compassion [people] become either accusers or advocates To be able to be accepted for who we are and to be able to grow from there is one of the great treasures of life. Individuation—a lifelong process of integrating influences and instincts that make a person whole, a discovery of his or her uniqueness—the idea that we become who we were intended to be, by design, not just who we think we should be. There is a reciprocal relationship between the disenfranchised, those who know they need God, and others. They teach us as we help them. You will always find people who are helping. To fully see others, we need to recognize who we are as individuals, love our neighbors as ourselves, and forgive often. And they also give gifts to themselves. In order to comfort others, to participate in the life of someone who is in deep grief, we need to know what it feels like to experience loss ourselves. Loss turns life into a snapshot. The movement stops; everything freezes. If reversible loss is like a broken arm, then catastrophic loss is more like an amputated limb. Fred felt it essential to give others permission to grieve over the losses in their lives. Even recoverable loss takes something away; it leaves you changed, less protected. Colleagues would say I had the best of both worlds, but I also had the workload of both worlds. Love is stronger than anything, stronger even than death. Even death, the greatest of the irreversible losses. Fred was trying to preserve that special connection that children have with God, their absolute trust and acceptance, and at the same time, he was trying to loose their parents from the prison-house.

3: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers - Beliefnet

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There really are surprisingly few books about Mister Rogers. Outside of the books by Mr Rogers, I can really only find four. One I read and reviewed last year *The Peaceful Neighbor*. She was a young mother and writer. She asked for an interview and unusually, she was given one. This started what seems to be a real friendship, although one that was mostly via letter and the occasional phone call. It is hard to tell whether Hollingsworth is being modest about her friendship or whether she is making more of the friendship than was warranted as a few reviewers have suggested. My assumption is that the friendship was real and her stories are genuine admiration. The stories and quotes from letters seem to suggest a real friendship. But there is also a lack of new insight into Mr Rogers that seems odd. I have not read much about Fred Rogers, but there was little that was new here. When Fred Rogers was a boy, an older woman that lived near him would feed him sticks of toast. Not long before she died, she taught him to make the sticks of toast himself. So the central metaphor is Hollingsworth attempting to teach us the spiritual lessons that she learned from Mister Rogers. And there is what feels like authentic reminiscence of Mister Rogers. One thought that I had while writing is that even though the friendship was relatively recent until his death in , it feels like a friendship from an earlier generation. Mister Rogers was a generation older and there is a paternal affection that seems to carry through the stories. But their friendship was cross-gender, something that is never remarked upon. I think it the fact that this friendship was almost entirely through hand written letters makes it different from what is currently expected of a friendship. As I have read several biographies of CS Lewis and his massive correspondence and more recently the correspondence between Alexander Hamilton and others of a generation prior to even telephones, it does feel like we have missed something. Today there are few letters that would be saved, let alone keeping letters that were unsent. But I am still surprised that there has not been a more comprehensive biography written. This is a book that is interesting because of the subject. But not particularly because of the great writing or insight. I did watch two full episodes of Mister Rogers and some clips from other episodes with my 2 year old last night. It is interesting to see how it translates to a new generation. *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers*: Paperback , Kindle Edition , Audible.

4: Mister Rogers: A Presence Transformed by Prayer - FaithGateway

The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers focuses on Fred Rogers' spiritual legacy, but it is more than that. It is about a man who, to paraphrase the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "preached the gospel a

Then she had the chance to meet him in person for a rare interview about his faith. Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister who died in , shared insights and life lessons with Hollingsworth during their ensuing friendship. She, in turn, talked to Beliefnet about what Mister Rogers did when he got angry, how he endured cultural criticism and cynicism, and why he felt the space between the TV set and the viewer is "holy ground. There was a 3 or 4 week period after I had asked for the interview where I was waiting. So I wrote a nasty letter saying, "Shame on you for criticizing somebody who is trying to do something positive for my kids. I think that sort of laid the groundwork of trust. That started something, and we never disconnected after that point, we always wrote each other every 2 or 3 months religiously for the next 9 years until he passed away. Probably the central tenet of his faith and the theme of the Neighborhood is just the idea of loving your neighbor. When I asked him who is your neighbor, he said, whoever you happen to be with at the moment. You can either be an advocate or an accuser. One of the things that shows the cynicism is all the urban legends about Mister Rogers that are out there-everywhere I go somebody asks me was he really a sniper in the military, did he really have upper-body tattoos. But I found that even if people on the outside seemed jaded and cynical about Mister Rogers, on the inside they really respond to it. As much as we are cynical, we all want to believe in that kind of goodness. And I think people do, I think people, even if on the outside they seem a little critical or jaded about Mister Rogers, they absolutely want to believe in the goodness that he espoused. Where did that goodness come from for him? How did he remain so steady over all of those years? He was bullied when he was 8 years old, and had an awful experience where he was chased by boys who called him "Fat Freddy. He was sensitive but he made the right choices in response to that. When he was angry or upset about something, instead of hurting people, he would go to the piano and he would play. Or he would play with puppets and he would express negative emotions and maybe aspects of himself that he was a little shy of, through the puppets. I think having a lonely childhood, being so sensitive, I think those things all sort of worked together to make this man who decided really early on that he was never going to look on the outsides of people, he would always look below the surface and see what was essential about them.

5: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers – Amy Hollingsworth

The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers He was their neighbor, their friend. And for over 30 years, Fred Rogers visited so quietly with the children of America that nobody dreamed he was a Presbyterian minister.

September 28, Mister Rogers: The familiarity gave a sense of permanence, and permanent things could be depended on. Even the curtains stayed the same. Everyday ritual was important. When Mister Rogers left, you knew he was coming back. His daily routine was impeccably observed: Even his diet had rite-like clarity: Mother Teresa in a cardigan. Slowing down, taking time, and appreciating silence are all foundational aspects of the next toast stick he passed on to me: Each morning he prayed for his family and friends by name, still offering his gratitude for those on his list who had passed away. He emerged from the pool ready to face a new day with a fresh slate, as if wet from baptism. The prayers continued into his workday: Not only were his spoken words on television a focus of prayer but also the numerous decisions that had to be made daily. All the others are minor compared to that. As you know in this business there are countless decisions every day every hour! Sometimes he was invited to places in order to pray, as when he received an honorary doctorate his twenty-fifth from Boston University in The university had asked Fred to open the commencement ceremony with prayer. An older academic with a white beard rose to the podium to announce: How would he ever calm them down enough to pray? The answer seemed like the natural thing to do to Fred at least. He was their robed curate, and their congregational response, uplifting and reminiscent, led right into prayer. He moved from the particular to the general: After praying for others, he turned the prayers to himself and to the graduates: Help us to remember all through our lives that we never need to do difficult things alone, that Your presence is simply for the asking and our ultimate future is assured by Your unselfish love. In our deepest gratitude we offer this prayer. But the essence of prayer is relationship, and Fred understood that. Even when he was explaining prayer to a young girl I had asked him a question on her behalf about unanswered prayer , his seemingly simple explanation would enlighten even the most seasoned supplicant: But God respects your feelings, and God can take your anger as well as your happiness. So whatever you have to offer God through prayer – it seems to me – is a great gift. Because the thing God wants most of all is a relationship with you, yeah, even as a child – especially as a child. The baker explained to Mister Rogers and the viewers my then-three-year-old son and I were watching that day how monks long ago gave pretzels as treats to children who had remembered their prayers. We want to leave a legacy of love, prayer, and faith in Jesus. Come share your thoughts with us on our blog. We want to hear from you! Before writing books, Amy wrote for various magazines and was a television writer for eight years for CBN. A former psychology professor, Amy lives in Virginia with her husband and children. About Us FaithGateway is brought to you by HarperCollins Christian Publishing and is dedicated to helping you grow and share your faith.

6: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers (Audiobook) by Amy Hollingsworth | www.enganchecubano.com

In The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers, Hollingsworth shares observations and lessons learned from years of friendship with the well-known and well-loved Mr. Rogers. Thoughts I watched some Mr. Rogers back in my day, but not very much.

Enter words or a passage Example: As the Pittsburgh PBS station where he filmed his show was right next to my dorm, Rogers would religiously walk by my window in the morning on his way to work. I ran into him a few times and he was always gracious and granted you his full attention. With Fred Rogers, you were always the most important person in the world for the time he gave you in conversation. As author Hollingsworth so duly notes, my experience was the norm. After having interviewed Rogers in , she began a correspondance and friendship with him that lasted until his death in . What passed in many of those exchanged letters comprises much of the book, Hollingsworth letting us see the faith of the man behind the TV show, behind the ministry it was to him, and behind the simple way in which he treated the stranger as his neighbor. That this should be a reflection of the Savior is no coincidence, for Rogers was an ordained minister in the United Presbyterian Church. Confounding his seminary profs, Rogers sought that ordination despite having no intention of pastoring a local congregation. But when he made the case that every child, every adult who tuned into his show was his church, the seminary granted him ordination. The boy never lost hope that there were good people in the world because he saw how much everyone cared for and respected each other on the show. No chapter goes by without some person telling how Rogers transformed life through his show. A trained pianist, he provided the background piano music for the show, and wrote over two hundred songs. His earlier experience with puppets in a show that ran before Neighborhood allowed him to communicate in a language children could relate to. Like the Lord, Rogers was a man of prayer who rose every morning at 5 a. Like the Lord, Rogers understood that silence is a critical part of a deep life, and he was unafraid to model silence and quiet for children. Like the Lord, Rogers saw potential in even the most scarred person, unafraid to reach out to the hurting, no matter what anyone else thought. Like the Lord, he wanted the little children to come to him and be loved, in spite of their circumstances. His greatest hope was that viewers would grow up to be all that God imagined they could be. What you bring to this book will determine what you can hope to receive in reading it. Because of her close personal relationship with Rogers, the author writes with a tear in her eye that shows on every page. The book is so personal in countless ways that it is virtually impervious to critique. Fred Rogers comes off as a mythic person, saintly in a way that the vast sea of Mankind is notâ€™Superman in a zippered cardigan and Keds.

7: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers author interview with Amy Hollingsworth on Beliefnet - Beliefnet

Mister Rogers was a truly singular human being, the sort of person who easily proved his own maxim that everyone is perfectly unique and therefore uniquely lovable.

8: Review: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers | Cerulean Sanctum

Reviewed by Joy Bethea "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers" by Amy Hollingsworth. If "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was created for children, consider this book "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood for Adults." Through the lens of her friendship with Fred Rogers, Hollingsworth delves deeper into the values and spiritual practices of Rogers' personal life, whic.

9: The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers - The Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Archive

For more than 30 years, television's Mister Rogers taught children how to become confident, well-rounded adults. His simple yet profound philosophy is that each one of us is a special person full of unique talents and abilities, and that no two people are exactly alike.

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