



ZIMZUM DISCIPLESHIP: INTRODUCTION

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, APRIL 2025

BOOKS

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society by Eugene Patterson. IVP, 2024 (Commemorative Edition).

Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life by Rowan Williams. WB Eerdmans Publishing, 2016.

Zimzum: God and the Origin of the World by Cristoph Schulte, translated by Corey Twitchell. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2023.

POEM: "Fire" by Judy Brown from *The Sea Accepts All Rivers*

What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames
almost as surely
as a pail of water would.
So building fires
requires attention
to the spaces in between,
as much as to the wood.

When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way

we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.

We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire
grows
simply because the space is there,
with openings
in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.