

a devotional for when your burden is heavy

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rules or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

Father – you can juggle, arrange, manage dependencies, accomplish all that you want in

the lives of my closest friends, family members, and co-workers:

the organizations to which I am connected in complex ways:

the churches on multiple continents where I have ministered and grown:

the cities where I have lived:

the schools I have attended and at which I have taught:

- the computers, recorders, and other electronic devices that bless and frustrate me:
- the computer programs in which I live so much of my life:
- the languages I speak at different levels:
- the kingdom calls you have put on my life

There's no way I can *control* it all:

- *know* all that you're doing
- *identify* everything that's important
- *influence* the direction of
- *fix* the problems in
- *communicate* fully with
- *devote* all my energy to
- *solve* all the problems of
- *be* there for
- *remember* what I've learned in

But I'd like my parts to be thrilling, engaging, invigorating, satisfying in and out and through and back and forth and under and out and around

all of this.

This life and its connections are merely a speck

a dot a tachyon a little bitty blip

in your grand, multiversic drama, dance, song, plan, show, creation

Let me thrust and bob and weave and sprint and lope and leap and grab and leave and enter and dive and formulate and meditate and sit and climb and play and revere and ...

Father – I leave it all to you. give it all to you. toss it flip it flick it

The universe and my little part in it

is yours

(what would you like me to do next?)