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Dear friends,

I took my granddaughter to the movies on Monday. She spent much of the time in the theater holding her ears and telling me it was too loud. It didn't matter whether it was music or dialogue or sounds of nature. It was too loud

That's how I am feeling these days when I watch or read the news. It's too loud. There seems to be a lot of noise coming from all sides. There does not, however, seem to be any time for silence and reflection.

Life requires us to speak, and also listen. We need courage to act, and the humility to discern. Might I suggest we stop, seek each other out, and enter into dialogue? May we listen, and ask, and maybe together we have a thought?

Maybe when God seems mute, the silence is a result of listening. God listens because He loves. And because He listens, He knows us.

Noise does not create community. Listening, sharing and respect do. Let's turn off the noise in our lives and listen.

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