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Dear Friends,

I have been in so many digital meetings in the last year I'm almost goggle eyed. Initially I had to make some modifications to make that possible. The way my desk was positioned in the room, I was back-lit by a big glass window. While the view through the window was beautiful, the light made video quality very poor. So I decided to make a change! I actually moved out of my study at the front of the house and into the dining room at the back of the house. The lighting was different and by facing the window I also had a wonderful view of the garden which has been very up-lifting.

That decision meant that not only did I have to move furniture around in both rooms but in moving the computer I noticed all the dust and had to be careful with all the cords. It ended up being a much bigger project than I originally intended. That's when I realised this is what ministry is like, it's what life is like.

We go with the flow so often and it just keeps going even if it isn't exactly excellent. It could be better, but it's working at least a little bit. It's not until somebody just decides, "We've got to do something better; we CAN do something better," and just does it, that something really good happens.

Yes, it's messy and it often ends up being a bigger job than we intended, but in the end it's worth it! It's going to be better. It's going to be more excellent, and in the church context hopefully we are going to reach more people. That was certainly the case with our zoom church services. Maybe not with changing my desk around, but when we change something about the way we're doing ministry, hopefully we're going to reach more people.

The same may be the case with our lives. When lockdown came my husband and I looked at new ways of keeping in touch with family we usually saw half a dozen times a year. We now have a weekly zoom chat with my sister-in-law and her husband and do the weekend Times and Telegraph quiz together. It's fun, we've learned lots and realised how much we do know and it's brought us closer together.

So, I want to encourage you today have a look at your life and go ahead and make a change today. Try! See the things that are not exactly excellent; that could be better, and just try! See what God does when you open yourself to one small change the Spirit is leading you to make.

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