

St. Augustine Reading

All kinds of things rejoiced my soul in their company to talk and laugh, and to do other kindnesses; to read pleasant books together; to pass from lightest jesting to talk of deepest things, and back again; to differ without rancour. . .teach each other or learn from each other; be impatient for the return of the absent, and welcome them with joy on their homecoming; these and such like things, proceeding from our hearts as we gave affection. . .kindled a flame which fused our very souls and of many made us one.

St. Augustine, Confessions, IV 8-9