

Daily Rhythm

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Devotional Diary 28 September – 4 October 2015

Readings for this week with thanks to www.umcdiscipleship.org:

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Psalms 26. This psalm focuses on the theme of integrity and asks for God's vindication on the basis of the integrity of the person or community praying.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12. The writer of this theological treatise begins by declaring the glory of Jesus Christ — God's ultimate messenger and Son, with majesty and authority above all angels, the pioneer and perfecter of our salvation.

Mark 10:2-16. Family values, Jesus-style: God has blessed and established the marriage bond as a relationship that is never to be discarded or reduced to disposable property. Jesus also blesses children and calls his disciples to do the same, never treating them as a nuisance or distraction from "real work."

Monday:

Adoration Focus: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. (Psalm 105:3)

Confession: Jesus asks the question: "Do you want to get well?" Make life-giving choices! Examine your life as you contemplate this question. Bring areas where you have stagnated into Christ's life changing presence and power. By the end of the week try to have a list of some areas where you have chosen life and some action plan that would lead you on this journey.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that God's spirit of praise may flow through your church and into your life and community.

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: Praise the Lord... who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:5)

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that the leadership would make life-giving choices that would co-operate with God's plan to pour out his Spirit on us.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision, for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. (Psalm 73:24)

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that all may have a sense of belonging and positive ownership so that God's mission may be embraced.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name. (Psalm 66:4)

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that all may go with God's prompting to discover and use their gifting and calling to service.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Friday:

Adoration Focus: The Mighty One, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.(Psalm 50:1)

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that all may seek God's healing as a community in any areas that separate people from each other. Pray for the small group ministry.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: (Psalm 34:8) Find out for yourself how good the Lord is. Happy are those who find safety with him.

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray for the giving of resources, time, energy, money, etc.; that we God's generosity may abound.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: (Psalm 18:46) The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Saviour!

Confession: See Monday's confession.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional guide.

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: This week pray for your local Church. Pray that on this day the gathered community may know the worship of the heavenly courts: Our God is a great God!!!

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, you have a plan and purpose, a vision for our church communities. Help me to be part of that vision in how I live today!

Weekly Rhythm
Joining our stories with the stories of God's people.
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In our spiritual tradition there is a daily, weekly and seasonal (yearly) cycle, all working together to breathe God's life into us and connect us in a worshipful relationship with our Creator. This resource explores these rhythms from the perspective of the Christian Year (using the Revised Common Lectionary). It is aimed at those who want to journey with these texts in a transformational way, particularly from a worship perspective. Each week we will share around the set texts as they inspire our daily, weekly and yearly rhythms.

Sunday 4 October is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time), Year B

Questions and prayers to explore the readings further.

The notes in italics are with thanks to www.umcdiscipleship.org.

As you read remember the three basic questions: What does the passage say? What does the passage mean? How does it apply to my life?

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Prayer (based on Hebrews 1:1-3)

Long ago, at different times and in various ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the Hebrew prophets.
But in these last days,
we have heard God's voice through His Son, Jesus Christ,
who has been given dominion over all things
and through whom all worlds were made.

He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command;
the One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death;
the One who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.
This is our God!
Let's worship together.

Christine Longhurst <http://re-worship.blogspot.co.za/search/label/Proper%2022%20B>

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For Reflection: people are not disposable, they are...

Who is the person sitting next to you?

Rose Snyder

You might say a name; describe how tall they are, and the colour of eyes and hair. But none of these things is what the person is.

A person is invisible activities.

Who then is this person sitting next to you?

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU IS A SUFFERER.

They are working away at problems. They have fears; they wonder how they are doing. Often they don't feel too good about how they are doing, and they find that they can't respect or be a good friend to themselves. When they feel that way about themselves, they have a hard time loving others. When they don't feel good about themselves and find it hard to love others, they suffer.

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU HAS THE RIGHT TO BE A PERSON.

That is, they have the right to be understood. And unless other people can understand them, they are thwarted from being a person.

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU IS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SORT OF EXISTENCE.

Within them are energies that have been partially awakened. Nine tenths of their possibility has not yet been touched off. There is all kinds of good that is struggling to be born from way within that person. There are also worries, fears and hates that are struggling to get themselves expressed. Sometimes if only these could be expressed, they would be free to love other people.

THUS THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU IS A CLUSTER OF MEMORIES OF THE PAST AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE FUTURE. They are really a whole colony of persons, of people met all during a life. Something of these people has entered into this person forever. So that the person sitting next to you is really a city – a community. In that community live the father and mother of this person; the boys and girls with whom they played most; the people with whom they went to school; the persons with whom they competed; the enemies they met; all the living things of this world that came and interacted with this person. They are still deep within.

EACH PERSON IS A WORLD OF EXPERIENCES. And when a person drops out of the experiment of humanity a whole universe in which many people have gathered is lost.

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU IS THE GREATEST MIRACLE AND GREATEST MYSTERY THAT YOU WILL EVER MEET.

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO YOU IS SACRED.