



Michael's Messenger

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When God Sends You Help, Don't Ask Questions....

She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute, the car door was open. She hugged the man and through tears, softly said: "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her little prayer and replied, "lady, I am not a nice man.

I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing,

"Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional."

Is God great or what!?!

From Jessie

ST. MICHAEL'S A.C.W HARVEST DINNER

When: Sat. September 29

Time: Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6pm

Tickets will be available from any A.C.W member at \$5.00 per adult, and children will be free.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbours. We hope that this occasion will be a special time of celebration and fellowship.

There will also be a Silent Auction. Donations of any new gift-type articles and/or gift cards etc. will be most welcome for this fundraiser. The monies raised will be used toward the repair of our parking lot.

For further information please contact our A.C.W Chairperson, Kathi Dale at 604-596-2946 or email her at kdale@shaw.ca.

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UPCOMING READINGS

September 2 -15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sept. 9 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 61:9-11
Psalm 132:6-8
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Luke 1:26-33

Sept. 16 – Feast of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 98:1-5
1 Corinthians 1:18-24
John 3:13-17

Sept. 23 – St. Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17
Psalm 103:19-22
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

Sept. 30 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Oct. 7 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Oct. 14 – 21st after Pentecost

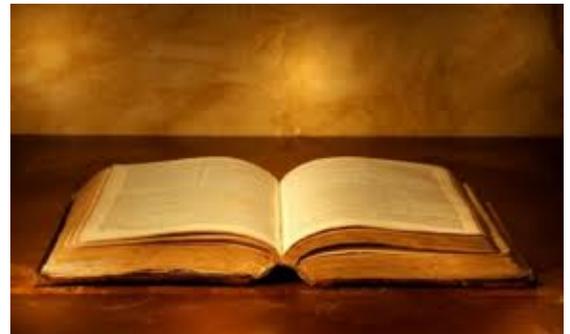
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 147:1-7
2 Timothy 4:5-13
Luke 4:14-21

Oct. 21 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 1
Acts 15:12-22a
Matthew 13:53-58

Oct. 28 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 119:89-96
Ephesians 2:13-22
John 15:17-27



A Little Bit of Humor for You courtesy of Jessie!

Question: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Answer: Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan...)

Question: What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Answer: Ruthless.

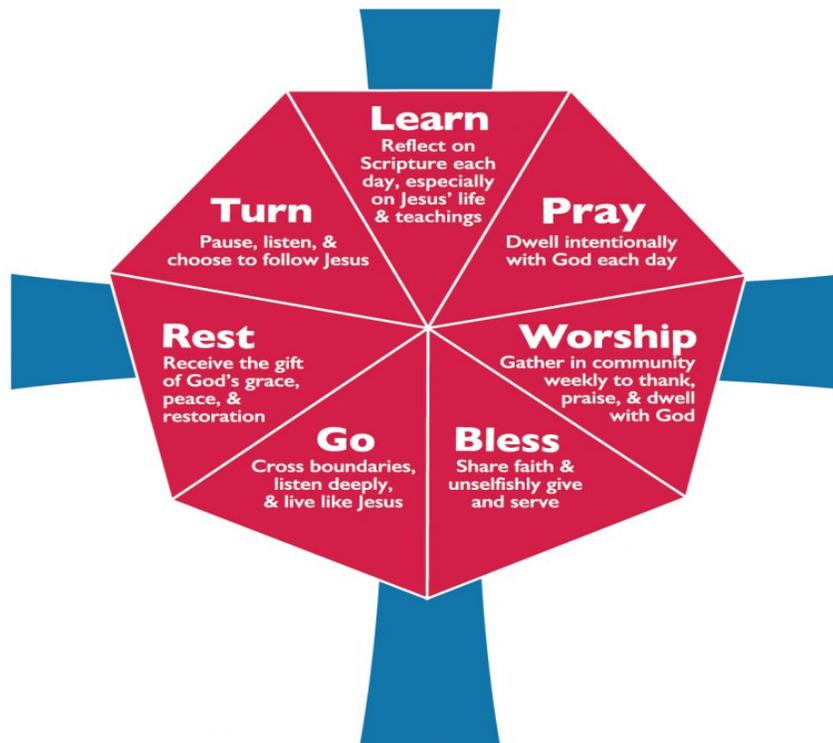
The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Primate, The Episcopal Church

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” – Ephesians 3:17-19.

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.” Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a “Rule of Life.” The framework below – The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life — outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Do Bad Things Happen to Good People, and do Good Things Happen to Bad People

Have you ever wondered during times of turmoil in the world, why we may be lucky, or exempt from some of the tragedies that we hear about? Or is it that we as Christians have a security, knowing that the Lord's Angels are watching out for us? Are we as believers "Blessed" more than others? What about those who are believers elsewhere that we read about embroiled in suffering and loss – are they not also under protection? Here are some verses from the Bible that promises us protection:

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. (Is. 54: 17)

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. (Ex. 14:14)

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Is. 46:4)

As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. (Ps. 18:30)

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (2 Tim. 4: 18)

The above verses are only a few, but our Bible has hundreds more. I'm sure you have heard many say: "Why would a God who is all-good, all-knowing, and all-powerful, allow bad things to happen to good people?" Seeing good people suffer is horrible, but by the same token, it's not much fun seeing evil people having fun either.

This question is often asked by people who have suffered, or who have lost a loved one. They honestly want to know: *How could God let this happen to me and to mine? Why wouldn't God stop this pain and help me?* Looking back not that long ago, what about the Holocaust and the suffering and the devastation that took place there? What about those that suffer through abduction or the murder of a loved child?

If we have read our Bibles, we also have read of some of the characters that have suffered, even though they were faithful to God. Take Job for example. He had money, wealth, a good name, and a beautiful family. Then Satan asked God for permission to mess with Job's life. Tragedy struck, he lost his wealth and all his children. Then disease riddled his body. His wife even turned against him calling him a loser according to some Bible versions, and encouraged Job to curse God, but Job was so loyal to God, that God rewarded him because of his unwavering faithfulness. Job was patient and waited for God's deliverance. Job's wealth was restored, double in fact and much more so than the former.

I'll not take you through other characters who suffered in their own situations, and were still faithful to God, you can read up on your own. Joseph, Moses, Gideon and Peter to name a few others. God does allow things to happen to all people as this is a sinful world. Here's an article for reflection that I came across that might be worthy of our consideration. (Andy Whitmore)