

MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, September 13th

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never ever see again. The LORD will fight for you. You just keep still” (Exodus 14:13-14, CEB).

DAILY PRAYER:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday, September 14, 2020: Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday, September 15, 2020: Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2

Wednesday, September 16, 2020: Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25

Thursday, September 17, 2020: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Friday, September 18, 2020: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday, September 19, 2020: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30

LECTIONARY TEXTS (THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST):

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION/JOURNALING/DISCUSSION:

1. How did you respond to this week’s message? What insights or questions did it raise for you?
2. What are some difficult circumstances you are currently facing?
3. When dealing with the anxiety of a difficult situation, do you gravitate toward immobility or rash reaction? How might God be calling you to a different response?
4. What would it look like to stand firm in the midst of difficult circumstances?
5. What spiritual disciplines have you engaged in the past that helped you remain calm in the midst of a crisis?
6. How do you see God fighting for you in any tough circumstances you are facing?
7. Read the lectionary texts for next Sunday. What questions do they raise for you?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GUIDE:

Monday - Pray for those facing impossible choices.

Tuesday - Pray for those who have been impacted by the recent fires and hurricanes.

Wednesday - Pray for those battling sickness and disease.

Thursday - Pray for those who serve in the medical profession.

Friday - Pray for children in impoverished countries who have been orphaned during the pandemic.

Saturday - Pray for the Lord to move in a powerful way during our worship, both for those at the drive-in service and those participating online.