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Sunday, February 10

John 7:37-46 “*Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.*” (v.38 NIV)

You can hear the people’s confusion: “Truly this is the Prophet. This is the Christ. Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” The people of Israel were looking for the Messiah—the “anointed one” would set them free.

That same confusion can be heard today: “There must be more to life than this. Why is this happening?” Let the streams of living water, the Holy Spirit, flow from you. Quench their thirst with the answer: Jesus Christ.

My friend Earl always prays when going from one place to the next, “Who can I share you with next Jesus, bring them into my life?”

The world has questions, confusion, and doubt; Christians have the answer: Jesus! Let’s get some people wet this week!

Isaiah 57:14-21; Psalms 93, 96; Hebrews 12:1-6

ANGLICAN CYCLE: **Pray for** the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz - Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

DIOCESAN CYCLE: The Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, the Rev Richard I. Lewis, Priest in Charge; Sikonge Parish: The Rev. Denis Lawrence, Tabora, Tanzania; The Mission of St. Mary The Virgin, Villa Maria del Triunfo, Lima, Peru & supported missions, The Rev. Aurelio Rodriguez, Priest in Charge; Birthday of The Rev Cynthia A. Sever, Alton

ST. MATTHEWS: Donna Dyson and June Gault are celebrating birthdays.

Monday, February 11

Psalm 80 *Restore us, O God; cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.* (v.3)

Verse 3 is the chorus of Psalm 80. The psalm is a petition for deliverance by the children of Israel. “Shepherd of Israel,” who is Jesus Christ, is also the cry of the Christian. Restore us to yourself Lord; smile on us Lord, and save us. Regardless of what we have done, “restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved” (v.7).

Total restoration in all things is possible through Jesus alone. When we miss the mark, “restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved” (v.14). This chorus, echoed in verses 3, 7, and 14, comes from the Aaronic benediction: “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon

you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

Don’t get down on yourself—because Jesus doesn’t; don’t speak ill of yourself—because Jesus doesn’t. Love yourself—because Jesus does.

Isaiah 58:1-12; Galatians 6:11-18; Mark 9:30-41

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madi & West Nile (*Uganda*), The Rt Revd Charles Collins Andaku; *Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia*, The Rt Revd Richard Wallace; Guyana (*West Indies*), The Rt Revd Charles Davidson

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Restoration of The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. M. Clavier to the Episcopate.

Tuesday, February 12

2 Timothy 1:1-14 *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.* (v.7)

You and I are triune persons, just as our God is a triune God. We are body, soul, (mind, will, and emotions) and spirit: “May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). It is the whole person that God is making blameless.

If you become fearful over something, say, “It is written: I have not been given a spirit of timidity.” When you are thinking, “I just can’t do that,” say, “It is written: I have a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.” When your willpower is challenged, say, “It is written: my spirit is self-disciplined.”

Isaiah 59:1-15a; Psalm 78:1-39; Mark 9:42-50

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madras (*South India*), The Rt Revd George Stephen Jeyaraj; Temotu (*Melanesia*), The Rt Revd Leonard Dawea

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Jean, widow the Rev Canon Charles Draper, Springfield,

Wednesday, February 13

Psalm 119:97-120 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.* (v.105)

The Bible is a lamp that shines in the dark places and keeps us from stumbling. The lies of the ruler of this Dark Age cannot stand up to the light of Scripture. The world says, “Self-worth equals your performance plus other peoples’ opinions of you,” the word of God says, “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26). The world says, “Seeing is believing,” the word of God says, “We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

In my Bible, I went through Psalm 119 and highlighted the word “word,” then I went back to see what “the word” would do. The word of God will revive you

(v.25), strengthen you (v.28), bring you hope (v.43), comfort you (v.50), and shows God's mercy (v.58). Finish this list and see what the word can do in your life.

The Bible is the word of God. I am what it says I am; I can do what it says I can do; and I can have what it says I can have. It's God's word.

Isaiah 59:15b-21; 2 Timothy 1:15—2:13; Mark 10:1-16

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Madurai-Ramnad (*South India*), The Rt Revd Marialouis Joseph; Temuco (*Chile*), The Rt Revd Abelino Manuel Apeleo; Tennessee (*The Episcopal Church*), The Rt Revd John Bauerschmidt

DIOCESAN CYCLE: O Father, my hope, O Son, my refuge, O Holy Spirit, my protector, Holy Trinity, glory to thee.

Thursday, February 14

2 Timothy 2:14-26 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.* (v.15)

My mother always told me, "Davey, fish is brain food." I never liked fish. However, a steady diet of the word of God is health to the mind. If we are what we eat, then our soul is what it is fed, and it is fed through our minds. Your soul is your mind, your will, and your emotions.

A healthy soul is transformed by the renewing of the mind and then you are able to test and approve what God's will is for you (Romans 12:2). The word of truth is the gospel of your salvation (Ephesians 1:13), and the word of truth needs to be kept in the mouth (Psalm 119:43), ready to be correctly handled by the worker who labors for Christ.

Isaiah 60:1-17; Psalms 83, 146, 147; Mark 10:17-31

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Mahajanga (*Indian Ocean*), Vacant; Terekeka (*South Sudan*), The Rt Revd Paul Modi Farjala

DIOCESAN CYCLE: God, your Word tells us that true religion with contentment is great wealth.

Friday, February 15

2 Timothy 3:1-17 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.* (v.16)

So what part of "all" don't you understand? That was the question I asked myself a few years ago. I heard people say, "You can't take the Bible literally," or "There are so many contradictions in Scripture," or "The Bible has been copied over and over and over."

I decided to agree with this Scripture passage from 2 Timothy and take the Bible as the word of God. I read the Bible as the "inerrant" word of God, that, in the original copies of each manuscript written by each Bible book's respective author,

there was nothing mistaken or tinged with error (Hayford's Bible Handbook). Now when I find what seems like a contradiction in Scripture, I study to find out where I am wrong.

Isaiah 61:1-9; Psalm 88; Mark 10:32-45

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maiduguri (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Emmanuel Morris; Territory of the People (*Canada*), The Rt Revd Barbara Jean Andrews; Gwagwalada (*Nigeria*), The Rt Revd Moses Tabway

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Birthday of Nada, wife of The Rev Gregory Tournoux, Springfield.

Saturday, February 16

Mark 10:46-52 *“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (v.52)*

Bartimaeus, the name means “son of uncleanness,” was blind. Jesus was sent to heal blindness in Israel—both physical and spiritual. The healing of a man born blind was a messianic sign. “Son of David” is a messianic title, and Jesus acknowledged it by not silencing Bartimaeus.

To further stimulate Bartimaeus' faith, Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus releases his faith with the words, “Lord that I might receive my sight.” With the words of Jesus, “Go, your faith has healed you,” Bartimaeus immediately receives his sight and follows Jesus along the road.

If you want to know where to go in life—what to do next—the answer to a tough decision. Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you?” Dare to ask Jesus for your miracle, release your faith, speak your word to the Lord. Then go and follow him.

Isaiah 61:10—62:5; Psalms 87, 90; 2 Timothy 4:1-8

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Maine (*The Episcopal Church*), The Rt Revd Stephen Lane; Texas (*The Episcopal Church*), The Rt Revd Andrew Doyle, The Rt Revd Jeff Fisher, The Rt Revd Dena Harrison, and The Rt Revd Hector Monterroso

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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Pray for the sick and those in distress: Charlie, Jenna A., Mary, James T., Julie C., Bill B., Ms. Shayne, Diane B., Steve J., Carol D., Debbie T., Robin L., Margret L., Christopher L.

Pray for the Faithful Departed: Barbara Allsup

Pray for those living in nursing homes and other shut-ins: Dale B., Barb W., Daniel T., and Margaret P.

Pray for: The Diocese of Tabora, Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Rt. Rev. Elias Chakupewa, the clergy and people. The Missionary Diocese of Peru, The Rt. Rev. Alejandro Mesco. Fr. Kari Marcelle, the clergy and people of Holy Trinity St. Vincent. Fr. Dave and all clergy, for whom we light the candle on the west side of the Altar