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Sunday, October 9

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now. (vv.12-13 NAS)

When you come to a place in your life where you never take offense, no matter what is said or done to you, you have finally arrived. You are grounded in your identity as a son, or daughter, of the King.

Micah 6:1-8; Psalms 146, 147; Matthew 15:21-28

ANGLICAN CYCLE: PRAY for The Church in the Province of the West Indies The Most Revd & The Hon Dr John Holder Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados

DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Springfield, The Ven. Shawn Denney, Vicar; Ilalwansimba Mission, Tanzania,: Rev. Joel Kahindi, Vicar; the Mission of Santas María y Martha de Betania, Ilo, Peru, Rev'd Victor Condori, Vicar. Anniversary of the Consecration of The Chapel of St. John the Divine, Champaign.

Monday, October 10

Psalm 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. (v.1)

Do not associate with people who justify ungodly actions. Be a Godly example to everyone. Never judge another. Live your life as a blessed child of God.

Micah 7:1-7; Psalms 2, 3; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Ideato - (Owerri, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Caleb Maduoma; Idoani - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Dahunsi

DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Mary's, Robinson, Admitted to the Diocese, 1956; All Saints, Morton, dedication of church building, 1965; Birthday of The Rev. Robert D. Harmon, Mt. Vernon.

Tuesday, October 11

Luke 8:40-56 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." (v.48)

I have been struggling with health issues for the past fifteen years. Over that time, I have had twelve operations—heart, hips, knees, etc. I underwent emergency surgery just three weeks ago. I am really tired of all the pain and tired of all the illness. I am asking Jesus to heal me by aligning my spirit with the Holy Spirit to lead my soul and body into perfect health.

Jonah 1:1-17a; Psalms 5, 6; Acts 26:24—27:8

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Ife - (Ibadan, Nigeria) <u>The Rt Revd Oluwole Odubogun</u> DIOCESAN CYCLE: Have mercy on us, Lord. Heal our lives and your world. ST. MATTHEW'S: Kia Griffin's birthday.

Wednesday, October 12

Psalm 119:1-24 Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. (v.11)

In my early years as a Christian, I went through a period where I hid a lot if Scripture in my heart. Now, it is not necessary for me to recite Scripture as a way to avoid sin. However, I do recite Scripture each night in bed as a way to help me fall asleep. In utter peace, I usually fall asleep in the middle of my recital.

Jonah 1:17—2:10; Acts 27:9-26; Luke 9:1-17

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Ife East - (Ibadan, Nigeria) <u>The Rt Revd Oluseyi Oyelade</u> DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun that always rises, but never sets.

Thursday, October 13

Luke 9:18-27 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it." (vv.23-24)

I have an addictive personality. By the Grace of God, I gave up alcohol more than twenty-five years ago. However, I still struggle with too much television. I use it as an escape from reality. I can zone out watching TV and isolate from people. It is my go-to thing to disassociate to protect myself.

Jonah 3:1—4:11; Psalm 18:1-20; Acts 27:27-44

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Ifo - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe

DIOCESAN CYCLE: St. Barnabas', Havana, Consecration of church building, 1887; Birthday of The Rev. David J. Halt, Bloomington. *ST. MATTHEW'S*: Fr. Dave

Friday, October 14

Psalm 16 You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever. (v.11)

I have found a good measure of how much we are walking in our "spirit man" instead of our "soul man" is the joy in our hearts. The presence of Jesus is always accompanied with joy. How is your walk going?

Song of Solomon 1:2-8; Psalm 17; Acts 28:1-16; Luke 9:28-36

ANGLICAN CYCLE: Igbomina - (Kwara, Nigeria) <u>The Most Revd Michael</u> Akinyemi

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us.

ST. MATTHEW'S: Linda & Steve Waldron's anniversary.

Saturday, October 15

Psalm 20 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. (v.4 NIV)

The desire of my heart always aligns with God's heart when I am walking in my "spirit man." As I walk in the spirit, and not my soul, my plans are rooted in Christ Jesus and will always succeed.

Song of Solomon 1:9—2:7; Psalm 21; Acts 28:17-31; Luke 9:37-50 *ANGLICAN CYCLE:* Igbomina - West - (Kwara, Nigeria) <u>The Rt Revd James Akinola</u>

DIOCESAN CYCLE: Loving Lord Jesus, enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness.

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