

Read - Think - Pray

28 February - 4 March
Epiphany 8A
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Monday

Psalm 131

Think:

The whole Psalm is 3 verses.

Are you too busy talking and thinking?

Take some time to be silent.

Pray:

Today as you pray; don't think of all the things you NEED to pray for. Don't stand on ceremony - believing that prayer must follow a certain formula.

Just rest and hope in the Lord.

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Think:

Isaiah comes before TV. We have lazy imaginations, Isaiah has a fertile imagination. As the people of Israel return to their homeland he imagines (verse 13) the heavens singing, the earth praising, the mountains bursting into singing; because of the Lord's compassion.

This is another moment in which to remember God's love for us.

Pray:

God doesn't give up on his people.

All creation rejoices when it sees God doing what God does - loving and nurturing faithfully - despite our unfaithfulness.

Use your imagine as you pray about 'coming home'; asking God to help you become the person you were created to be.

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think:

Are you 'hard on yourself'; do you judge others? I think we'd have to say that we all do.

The truth is that only God can 'bring to light the things now hidden in darkness' and 'disclose the purposes of the heart.' - 1 Cor 4:5

Pray:

Pray that we would give ourselves and each other grace as we struggle to become the people God created us to be.

Thursday

Matthew 6:24-34

Think:

We try very hard to be the people God created us to be. We 'worry' about our faith - often living without the peace that God has offered us.

We can not supply our own need for grace and mercy - it is God's free gift to us.

Pray:

Surrender yourself to God;

'Without you Lord, I can do nothing.'

Friday

Matthew 17:1-9

Think:

This coming Sunday is 'Transfiguration Sunday;' in a Holy Moment the Disciples get a glimpse of Jesus inner identity.

Revealed in the company he keeps - Moses and Elijah, revealed in his appearance; his face shining like the sun, his clothes shining white. Images that echo the book of Daniel and prefigure the Revelation to John.

Pray:

God offers us grace; familiarity; reconciliation in Jesus.

But he remains God.

Spend some time in humble adoration.

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