

FROM YOUR FRIEND AND RECTOR

What a joy to welcome a Congregation back to St. David's on the 12th July. I could not help but recall the verse at the conclusion of Luke's Gospel when the writer described the apostles as "continually in the temple praising God," in response to the Resurrection of our Lord.



Psalm 100

1. (A Psalm of Praise)
Make a joyful noise unto the
LORD, all ye lands.
2. Serve the LORD with gladness:
Come before His presence with
singing.
3. Know ye that the LORD He is
God: it is He that hath made us,
and not we ourselves; we are His
people, and the sheep of His
pasture.
4. Enter into His gates with
thanksgiving, and into His courts
with praise: be thankful unto
Him, and bless His name.
5. For the LORD is good; his mercy
is everlasting; and His truth
endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100 rang out in St. David's "**O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.**"

True, due to health guidelines, we could not sing hymns, stay in the building for chat, distribute a collection plate or share the peace, but that did not negate from the blessing of the gathering together of God's people to worship the Triune God. It was a pleasure to welcome **Reverend Carol** to St. David's with a Congregation present. I'm really looking forward to working with **Carol** and I know that she is excited about getting to know you all better.

On Sunday 2nd August, St. John's church, Kill, will re-open for public worship at 9.30am for a celebration of Morning Prayer. It will be wonderful to pray again in that sacred space. Worship continues at St. David's at 11.00am and the service will be live streamed at naasunion.com and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

Incidentally, Naas Union now has an Instagram site – the handle is easy to remember "**naasunion**" and this will also bring you to the Naas Union Facebook page.

Unfortunately, St. Columcille's church remains closed for the time being. However, plans are in formation to have an open air pet Service towards the end of August in the magnificent environs of St. Columcille's churchyard.

The proposed works to the floor of the church have been postponed until a more substantial grant is available in the New Year.

I'm delighted to write that the **Follies Trust Project** to conserve the pyramids at Maudlin's Cemetery has commenced. We are very grateful to the **Follies Trust, Kildare County Council, Friends of Maudlins** and the many who have donated towards this project.

I regret to inform you of the death of **Mr. Eric Ryan**. Eric was a long-term parishioner of St. David's. Born in 1929 he lived a very full and active life. Please remember **Eric's** wife **Leela**, His son **Greg**, daughter in law **Glenda**, grandchildren **Benjamin & Charlotte**, sister **Audrey (McAlister)**, extended family and friends in our prayers.

Your Friend and Rector,
Philip

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SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Genesis 32: 22 - 31
Romans 9: 1 - 5
Matthew 14: 13 - 21

22 That same night Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two concubines, and his eleven children, and crossed the Jabbok River.

23 After he had sent them across, he also sent across all that he owned, 24 but he stayed behind, alone. Then a man came and wrestled with him until just before daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he was not winning the struggle, he hit Jacob on the hip, and it was thrown out of joint.

26 The man said, "Let me go; daylight is coming." "I won't, unless you bless me," Jacob answered.

27 "What is your name?" the man asked. "Jacob," he answered.

28 The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob. You have struggled with God and with men, and you have won; so your name will be Israel."

29 Jacob said, "Now tell me your name." But he answered, "Why do you want to know my name?" Then he blessed Jacob.

30 Jacob said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and I am still alive"; so he named the place Peniel.

31 The sun rose as Jacob was leaving Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

32 Even today the descendants of Israel do not eat the muscle which is on the hip joint, because it was on this muscle that Jacob was hit.

Genesis 32: 22 - 31

1 I am speaking the truth; I belong to Christ and I do not lie. My conscience, ruled by the Holy Spirit, also assures me that I am not lying
2 when I say how great is my sorrow, how endless the pain in my heart

3 for my people, my own flesh and blood! For their sake I could wish that I myself were under God's curse and separated from Christ.

4 They are God's people; he made them his children and revealed his glory to them; he made his covenants with them and gave them the Law; they have the true worship; they have received God's promises; 5 they are descended from the famous Hebrew ancestors; and Christ, as a human being, belongs to their race. May God, who rules over all, be praised forever! Amen.

Romans 9: 1 - 5

13 When Jesus heard the news about John, he left there in a boat and went to a lonely place by himself. The people heard about it, and so they left their towns and followed him by land.

14 Jesus got out of the boat, and when he saw the large crowd, his heart was filled with pity for them, and he healed their sick.

15 That evening his disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. Send the people away and let them go to the villages to buy food for themselves."

16 "They don't have to leave," answered Jesus. "You yourselves give them something to eat!"

17 "All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied.

18 "Then bring them here to me," Jesus said.

19 He ordered the people to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to



heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

20 Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over.

21 The number of men who ate was about five thousand, not counting the women and children.

22 Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away.

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2020 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 - 28
Romans 10: 5 - 15
Matthew 14: 22 - 33

1 Jacob continued to live in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived, 2 and this is the story of Jacob's family. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, took care of the sheep and goats with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's concubines. He brought bad reports to his father about what his brothers were doing.

3 Jacob loved Joseph more than all his other sons, because he had been born to him when he was old. He made a long robe with full sleeves for him.

4 When his brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother so much that they would not speak to him in a friendly manner.

12 One day when Joseph's brothers had gone to Shechem to take care of their father's flock, 13 Jacob said to Joseph, "I want you to go to Shechem, where your brothers are taking care of the flock." Joseph answered, "I am ready."

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14 His father told him, "Go and see if your brothers are safe and if the flock is all right; then come back and tell me." So his father sent him on his way from Hebron Valley. Joseph arrived at Shechem 15 and was wandering around in the country when a man saw him and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 "I am looking for my brothers, who are taking care of their flock," he answered. "Can you tell me where they are?"

17 The man said, "They have already left. I heard them say that they were going to Dothan." So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

18 They saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted against him and decided to kill him.

19 They said to one another, "Here comes that dreamer. 20 Come on now, let's kill him and throw his body into one of the dry wells. We can say that a wild animal killed him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams."

21 Reuben heard them and tried to save Joseph. "Let's not kill him," he said. 22 "Just throw him into this well in the wilderness, but don't hurt him." He said this, planning to save him from them and send him back to his father.

23 When Joseph came up to his brothers, they ripped off his long robe with full sleeves. 24 Then they took him and threw him into the well, which was dry.

25 While they were eating, they suddenly saw a group of Ishmaelites traveling from Gilead to Egypt. Their camels were loaded with spices and resins. 26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain by killing our brother and covering up the murder?"

27 Let's sell him to these Ishmaelites. Then we won't have to hurt him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed, 28 and when some Midianite traders came by, the brothers pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him

for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

29 When Reuben came back to the well and found that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes in sorrow.

30 He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is not there! What am I going to do?" 31 Then they killed a goat and dipped Joseph's robe in its blood.

32 They took the robe to their father and said, "We found this. Does it belong to your son?"

33 He recognized it and said, "Yes, it is his! Some wild animal has killed him. My son Joseph has been torn to pieces!"

Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 - 28

5 Moses wrote this about being put right with God by obeying the Law: "Whoever obeys the commands of the Law will live."

6 But what the scripture says about being put right with God through faith is this: "You are not to ask yourself, Who will go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down).

7 "Nor are you to ask, Who will go down into the world below?" (that is, to bring Christ up from death).

8 What it says is this: "God's message is near you, on your lips and in your heart" - that is, the message of faith that we preach.

9 If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. 10 For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.

11 The scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed."

12 This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him.

13 As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved."

14 But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?

15 And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!"

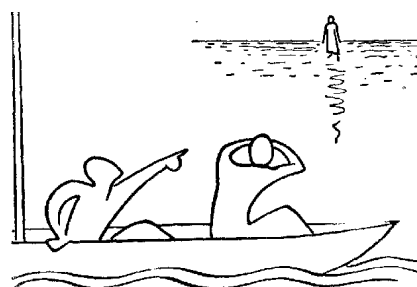
Romans 10: 5 - 15

22 Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away.

23 After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. When evening came, Jesus was there alone; 14 and by this time the boat was far out in the lake, tossed about by the waves, because the wind was blowing against it.

25 Between three and six o'clock in the morning Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water.

26 When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear.



27 Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!"

28 Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you."

29 "Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus.

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30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water. "Save me, Lord!" he cried.

31 At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "What little faith you have! Why did you doubt?"

32 They both got into the boat, and the wind died down. 33 Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Jesus. "Truly you are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2020 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Genesis 45: 1 - 15

Romans 11: 1 – 2a; 29 - 32

Matthew 15: (10 – 12), 21 - 28

1 Joseph was no longer able to control his feelings in front of his servants, so he ordered them all to leave the room. No one else was with him when Joseph told his brothers who he was.

2 He cried with such loud sobs that the Egyptians heard it, and the news was taken to the king's palace.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But when his brothers heard this, they were so terrified that they could not answer.

4 Then Joseph said to them, "Please come closer." They did, and he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 Now do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me ahead of you to save people's lives.

6 This is only the second year of famine in the land; there will be five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor reaping.

7 God sent me ahead of you to rescue you in this amazing way and

to make sure that you and your descendants survive.

8 So it was not really you who sent me here, but God. He has made me the king's highest official. I am in charge of his whole country; I am the ruler of all Egypt.

9 "Now hurry back to my father and tell him that this is what his son Joseph says: "God has made me ruler of all Egypt; come to me without delay.

10 You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me - you, your children, your grandchildren, your sheep, your goats, your cattle, and everything else that you have.

11 If you are in Goshen, I can take care of you. There will still be five years of famine; and I do not want you, your family, and your livestock to starve.' "

12 Joseph continued, "Now all of you, and you too, Benjamin, can see that I am really Joseph.

13 Tell my father how powerful I am here in Egypt and tell him about everything that you have seen. Then hurry and bring him here."

14 He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and began to cry; Benjamin also cried as he hugged him.

15 Then, still weeping, he embraced each of his brothers and kissed them. After that, his brothers began to talk with him.

Genesis 45: 1 - 15

1 I ask, then: Did God reject his own people? Certainly not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people, whom he chose from the beginning.

29 For God does not change his mind about whom he chooses and blesses.

30 As for you Gentiles, you disobeyed God in the past; but now you have received God's mercy because the Jews were disobedient. 31 In the same way, because of the mercy that you have received, the Jews now disobey God, in order that they also may now receive God's mercy.

32 For God has made all people prisoners of disobedience, so that he might show mercy to them all.

Romans 11: 1 – 2a; 29 - 32

10 Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand!

11 It is not what goes into your mouth that makes you ritually unclean; rather, what comes out of it makes you unclean."

12 Then the disciples came to him and said, "Do you know that the Pharisees had their feelings hurt by what you said?"

13 "Every plant which my Father in heaven did not plant will be pulled up," answered Jesus.

14 "Don't worry about them! They are blind leaders of the blind; and when one blind man leads another, both fall into a ditch."



15 Peter spoke up, "Explain this saying to us."

16 Jesus said to them, "You are still no

more intelligent than the others.

17 Don't you understand? Anything that goes into your mouth goes into your stomach and then on out of your body.

18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these are the things that make you ritually unclean.

19 For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral

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things; to rob, lie, and slander others.

20 These are the things that make you unclean. But to eat without washing your hands as they say you should - this doesn't make you unclean."

21 Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon.

22 A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition."

23 But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" 24 Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel."

25 At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said.

26 Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

27 "That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table."

28 So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

Matthew 15: (10 – 12), 21 - 28

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2020 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Romans 12: 1 - 8

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

1 The sons of Jacob who went to Egypt with him, each with his family, were

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin,
4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 The total number of these people directly descended from Jacob was seventy. His son Joseph was already in Egypt.

6 In the course of time Joseph, his brothers, and all the rest of that generation died, 7 but their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and became so numerous and strong that Egypt was filled with them.

8 Then, a new king, who knew nothing about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. 9 He said to his people, "These Israelites are so numerous and strong that they are a threat to us.

10 In case of war they might join our enemies in order to fight against us, and might escape from the country. We must find some way to keep them from becoming even more numerous."

11 So the Egyptians put slave drivers over them to crush their spirits with hard labor. The Israelites built the cities of Pithom and Rameses to serve as supply centers for the king.

12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites, the more they increased in number and the farther they spread through the land. The Egyptians came to fear the Israelites 13 and made their lives miserable by forcing them into cruel slavery. They made them work on their building projects and in their fields, and they had no pity on them.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to Shiphrah and Puah, the two midwives who helped the Hebrew women.

16 "When you help the Hebrew women give birth," he said to them, "kill the baby if it is a boy; but if it is a girl, let it live."

17 But the midwives were God-fearing and so did not obey the king; instead, they let the boys live.

18 So the king sent for the midwives and asked them, "Why are you doing

this? Why are you letting the boys live?"

19 They answered, "The Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they give birth easily, and their babies are born before either of us gets there."

20 Because the midwives were God-fearing, God was good to them and gave them families of their own. And the Israelites continued to increase and become strong.

1 During this time a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman of his own tribe, 2 and she bore him a son. When she saw what a fine baby he was, she hid him for three months.

3 But when she could not hide him any longer, she took a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar to make it watertight. She put the baby in it and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river.

4 The baby's sister stood some distance away to see what would happen to him.

5 The king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave woman to get it.



The king's daughter noticed the basket (Ex.2.5)

6 The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

7 Then his sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

8 "Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother.

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9 The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So she took the baby and nursed him.

10 Later, when the child was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."

22 Finally the king issued a command to all his people: "Take every newborn Hebrew boy and throw him into the Nile, but let all the girls live."

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

1 So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

2 Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

3 And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you.

4 We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions.

5 In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body.

6 So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; 7 if it is to serve, we should

serve; if it is to teach, we should teach;

8 if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

Romans 12: 1 - 8

13 Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

15 "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven.

18 And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

20 Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16: 13 - 20



SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2020
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Exodus 3: 1 - 15
Romans 12: 9 - 21
Matthew 16: 21 - 28

1 One day while Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, he led the flock across the desert and came to Sinai, the holy mountain.

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him as a flame coming from the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up.

3 "This is strange," he thought. "Why isn't the bush burning up? I will go closer and see."

4 When the Lord saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am."



5 God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground.

6 I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So Moses covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have seen how cruelly my people are being treated in Egypt; I have heard them

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cry out to be rescued from their slave drivers. I know all about their sufferings, and so I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of Egypt to a spacious land, one which is rich and fertile and in which the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites now live.

9 I have indeed heard the cry of my people, and I see how the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 Now I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can lead my people out of his country."

11 But Moses said to God, "I am nobody. How can I go to the king and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 God answered, "I will be with you, and when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me on this mountain. That will be the proof that I have sent you."

13 But Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' So what can I tell them?"

14 God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 Tell the Israelites that I, the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have sent you to them. This is my name forever; this is what all future generations are to call me.

Exodus 3: 1 - 15

9 Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.

10 Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.

11 Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion.

12 Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.

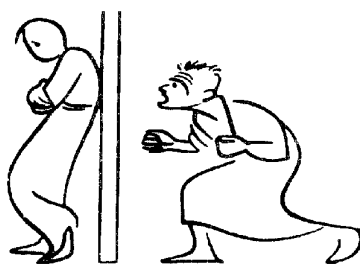
13 Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

14 Ask God to bless those who persecute you - yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.

15 Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.

16 Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise.

17 If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.



18 Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

19 Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord."

20 Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame."

21 Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.

Romans 12: 9 - 21

21 From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, "I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life."

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "God forbid it, Lord!" he said. "That must never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "**If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me.**"

25 For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it.

26 Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life.

27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each one according to his deeds.

28 I assure you that there are some here who will not die until they have seen the Son of Man come as King."

Matthew 16: 21 – 28

