

04-06-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Much of the life of faith consists of perseverance, persistence, consistency, and faithfulness. In fact, if we live in Christ and if Christ lives in us, we find that we are energized by love and generosity, by helpfulness and service. These attributes allow us to run the longer distance, knowing that life is not a sprint but a marathon.”

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Philippians 3:4b-14 + John 12:1-8

Questions for Reflection —

- What obstacles, frustrations, or challenges are you facing as you seek to follow Jesus' call on your life? What does persistence and perseverance look like for you as you attempt to overcome those difficulties? What do you need so that you can continue to run the race God has set before you? What motivates your discipleship? What will sustain you so that you remain faithful and consistent in your discipleship?

- What does it look like for someone to live with a spirit of extravagant generosity? Is it easier for you to be generous with material resources (money, possessions) or with intangibles (time, talent)? Do you ever tend to hold back? How might God be calling you to greater generosity in all aspects of your life? What might extravagant generosity look like for us as a congregation in the use of the resources of our building and our endowment?

- How might God be calling you to offer compassionate care and attention to someone who is in need? How does your devotion to Jesus affect the attitude with which you approach serving the needs of those around you? What does it mean for you to be extravagant in sharing Christ's love with others? What do you need in order to more freely share love, joy, and encouragement with people you encounter in daily life?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.