

## 03-03-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Some tables need overturning. When we are connected to God's heart, we learn to be angry at what angers God and pleased with what pleases God.”

- Justin Coleman



John 2:13-22

### Questions for Reflection —

- What is the significance of worship for you? In what ways does worship deepen your encounter with and connection to God? What distractions prevent your worshiping God with all your heart, soul, and mind? What difference does worship make in your life throughout the week? What does it mean for a church building in its entirety to be a house of worship? What is the role of worshipful practices in the life of the church throughout the week?
  
- In what ways has organized religion today “sold out” to secular values of greed and power? What might distinguish the ways the church does “business” and makes decisions from the ways corporate America does so? Of what does the church as an institution need to be cleansed? What “tables” do you think Jesus would overturn in corporate America? In the institutional church? In the life of Wesley UMC Worcester?
  
- What social injustices anger or frustrate you? What might it mean for your heart to be connected to God’s heart in regard to those issues? What would turning over the tables look like? How can you channel your anger and frustration in ways that work for positive change? What will give you the courage to act even if it means challenging the status quo?

### Daily Household Prayer

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.