

10-11-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Gospel living only begins with the invitation. It cannot remain a mere idea; its sine qua non is a transformed life. Though many have been called, the ones who are to be chosen are those who are living in a new way...”

Richard E. Spalding



Matthew 22:1-14

Questions for Reflection —

- When or how have you experienced invitations from God? What has enabled you to recognize God’s invitation(s) for you? What daily distractions interfere with your receptivity to God’s call? Have you ever chosen to ignore or actually say “no” to an invitation from God? What spiritual practices will help you keep your heart open to God’s ongoing invitations?
- Is there something new to which God is presently inviting you? In what ways is God calling you to go deeper in the life of Christian discipleship? How are you seeking to grow in holiness? Who are you becoming in Christ? What will help you accept God's invitations with joy rather than fear?
- What are the obligations entailed in accepting God’s invitation to a transformed life? What new action(s) are you ready to undertake in order to further God's reign of justice and compassion in the here and now? What do you think it looks like when someone is clothed in Christ? With what attitudes and behaviors do you need to be clothed in order to be a follower of Jesus in an active living faith? What "old clothes" (habits, attitudes, behaviors) might you need to put aside?

Daily Household Prayer

God, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love. Your love never fails—not even when we turn away from You: when we ignore Your invitation, or desert You for gods of our own making. Even then You do not abandon us but reach out—again and again— inviting us back into relationship once more. Pour out Your Spirit on us! Center our hearts and minds on what is true and honorable and right. Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will. Keep us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord, extending Your loving invitation to the world around us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.