

SUNDAY B 15 at St Paul's Rondebosch, 2021

2 Sam.6:1 –5, 12b- 19, Ps 24, Ephes.1: 3 – 14, Mark 6 : 14 – 29

TO HELP INSPIRE A SENSE OF WONDER AT THE MIRACLE OF GOD'S LOVE FOR AND CALL TO EACH ONE OF US

Read Ephesians 1 : 3 – 6

Today we are called to be amazed at the miracle of God's love for each one of us and the call to each one of us

When faced with the reality of God's love for us most of us find it hard to believe that God can love us SO much. We feel we are not worthy of God's love AND we are not alone in that!! Many of the people we hear about in the Bible had the same reaction. DAVID says "I am not worthy of what you have already done for me". David had a deep sense of unworthiness about God's love for him.

The centurion says to Jesus "Who am I that you should come under my roof?" The prophet Isaiah feels unworthy before God in his vision. Yet, while Biblical characters FEEL unworthy, they also acknowledge that God's love is ever present.

Of ourselves we are not worthy but because of the Lord we are everything. We are special

.ISN'T THAT AMAZING?!

David says "For you know your servant, O Lord God"! and continues to praise God. This wonder of David can be true for us too. God knows us through and through – our gifts and our weaknesses. Despite all THAT God continues to love us. God loves us unconditionally, we can be at peace. God continues to shower blessings upon us

ISN'T THAT AMAZING?!

How can we not praise God? God doesn't only give us blessings but also calls us to be a means of grace to others. Paul begins his letter to the Ephesians by saying "From Paul, who by God's will is an apostle of Christ Jesus". Paul knows deep inside that he is doing the will of God. His whole life has meaning. Our lives too have meaning when we realise that we too are called to do the will of God wherever we are. We are called to be faithful wherever we are. Dag Hammarskyoldt, head of the United Nations some years back once said:

" I don't know who or what put the question. I only know that when I said YES my life had meaning".

We are called to be faithful to God in our daily struggles in life, to be faithful to God in the struggles with our failures, to be faithful to God with our unfaithfulness – when we really feel like giving up. God has blessed us in so many ways and calls us to be a means of grace thus giving our our lives meaning.

ISN'T THAT AMAZING?

In our Gospel today, Jesus sends out the disciples in pairs to be a blessing to others. They go in pairs for mutual support and encouragement. But the important thing is that they do go out to be a blessings to others. Each one of us is called to go out and be a blessing to others.

ISN'T THAT AMAZING?

Today we are going to have a time of reflection and meditation – to wonder at God's love for us and call to each of us....

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND GET COMFORTABLE.

Christ has blessed you by giving you every spiritual blessing. Using your own name "I.....have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Spend a moment wondering at that reality.

God has already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ.

Using your own name reflect : "I.....have been chosen by God " and wonder at that reality.

God has already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his sons and daughters.

Using your own name reflect : " I .....am God's son or daughter and wonder at that reality.

Lastly : " I..... have been chosen by God to be a means of grace to others and wonder at that reality..

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