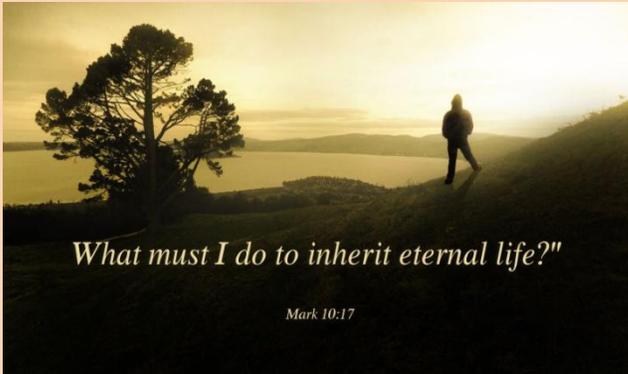


Week 41 -current...

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The e-current will keep you in the flow... Everyone wins!!

Still eating the leftovers from our Thanksgiving meals, “seekers”, committed followers of Jesus and curious watchers-at-a-distance alike are all invited by scripture to ask: *How might Jesus say a life lived thank-fully look like?*



This week’s passage, Mark 10:17-31, allows us to listen in on a truly heartbreaking moment when a faithful person (the only person in Mark’s entire Gospel that “Jesus loved”!), walks away, grieving. We are told why; he had too many possessions that he would not let go of. Now I’m not going to soft pedal this passage. It is interesting that our Lectionary (the cycle of liturgical Bible readings that churches tend to follow week-to-week) presents us this week with a reading

from the book of Job alongside the Mark reading. Job, the faithful and upright family man whom God allows to be put to the ultimate test. How would any of us respond if our family, any and all financial security, and our health are all stripped away from us? For some, this is not a hypothetical question!

Sit with those two images – the rich young man walking away, forlorn, and Job, a bit combative and annoyed that God has seemed unsupportive in tragic times – while you make your turkey soup, perhaps nibbling away at the leftover pumpkin pie. To be human is to sometimes struggle with the reality we are given. As we try to live according to a higher standard than our world teaches, how do we live faith-fully, and thank-fully, in response to whatever reality we are given? We might be on one end of the continuum or the other - blessed with material security, or, like Job, stripped of everything - or somewhere in between. Regardless of our reality, how do we let love shine?
Join us to hear more this Sunday morning, 10:30.



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