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Greetings,

I hope you find this
devotional helpful
in your daily jour-
ney.

Blessings, Pastor
Dan

A Reflection: Disciple

Greetings:

In the readings for Sunday, we heard a call to discipleship, in other words a call to follow Jesus. Over the years, I have wondered what that means for us. Of course, there are the obvious answers: attend church, pray, and try to be a good person. However, does that really make you a disciple? Clearly, in the Gospels there is a time of transition for the disciples. They often don't seem to get it while Jesus walks among them. There is a lot of ambiguity. The demarcation seems to come after Pentecost. Prior to the Spirit blowing in their midst, they were often fearful, and Jesus's actions regularly needed explaining. Yet after

His resurrection, one might wonder if they are the same people. Their character seemed to change. The once fearful group is now held together in ways that defy reason. I would suggest that the time they spent with Jesus was a type of tutorial for what would come next. So returning to my initial question about discipleship, there seems to be a lot of value in doing the practices of attending church, etc. Yet without an inner transformation, the process seems to be incomplete. Christ calls us to be healed from our brokenness, and in response share our gifts with others. We then become Kingdom Bearers, or persons who bring the Spirit of Christ to others.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcome.

Friday: *Bounty Food Bank* needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Worship Service 11:00

Feb 7: SPRC meet with D.S.

Feb 16: Administrative Board Meeting

March 10: Congregating with the D.S.

Bounty Food Bank Item of The Week: *Chili*

This week, consider adding this item to your food bank donation. Also - We are always needing plastic bags - So, if you shop where they still give out plastic bags, the food bank would love to take them off your hands.

Please keep in your prayers...

Judy Egan & her family

Mary Egeland

Danielle - and family

Liz Best

Maria Aliaga's son and father (Dad stop drinking so much soda, son to be more harmonious in family).

Bill & Gail Rocheleau and her brother Donald

James & Jenifer Angus

Rev. Barbara Brown

Elaine & Jerry Ramsey

Anderson-Gammel family