

Season of Pentecost (8/05—8/11)

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Preparing: Psalm 107

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Wednesday John 17:1-11

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Friday Psalm 118:1-9

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Pondering and Praying:

What word or phrase is attracting your attention?

Re-read the passage and sit quietly with that word or phrase.

Why might the Holy Spirit have drawn you to this word or phrase?

Where might it intersect with your life right now?

Is there an invitation in it from God for you?

Offer to God what has stirred in your heart, as you have rested and reflected in his presence.

Going:

The disciples did ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. They too wanted to know the confidence, peace, security, and love that Jesus found in this relationship with God. Perhaps the disciples noted that prayer was a priority for Jesus; in fact his whole life seemed to be built around this priority...it was a way of life for Jesus. Perhaps the disciples saw dramatic results as the consequence of the life of prayer that Jesus lived...the benefit of that teaching is available to us today as we reflect on the words and life of Jesus. I desire the trust, serenity, confidence, and deep peace that seemed to flow from the life of Jesus at every moment. Teach me to pray. (Reuben P. Job excerpts)

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