

Thoughts on the Daily Word

21st Week of Year. Saturday 30th August. Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm: 97; Matthew 25:14-30.

Once again, we can sympathise with the loser in this story! He has been judged worthy of only one talent compared to his fellow servants. This terrifies him and makes him immobile so that he simply hides the money, a well-known method in those days without locks or safes. A talent was a large amount of money, comparable to millions today. Fear paralyses, something that we have all experienced. The context of the Gospel is that we are all brothers and sisters. This is the story of Paul to the Thessalonians. In loving one another we can make progress. Imagine if the other two clever clogs had helped their frightened fellow servant with his money? Experiencing the love of the Lord is the power that frees us from fear and allows us to fulfil our God-given talent. However, we do have to make that choice. Perhaps the talents given to each of the servants represented a huge risk but also a tremendous gift of love that would change their lives. This servant with one talent could not see the love that was involved. Can we see what God has given us? Only if we know Christ through his brothers and sisters.