

Thoughts on the Daily Word

11th Week of Year. Thursday 19th June. Readings: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Psalm 110; Matthew 6:7-15.

The prayer of Jesus represents his complete freedom and therefor trust in his Father, his abba. This represents the freedom that Paul is trying to share with his community in Corinth. He is concerned that these ‘super’ apostles are really shackling the freedom that his community had. He uses his own freedom as a sign of what that freedom consists of. Everything that he does is for their freedom. He makes no charge or places any financial burdens on them. At the same time, he asks that in imitating him they might have the same freedom to be generous to others in need. He means those suffering in Judea.