

Thoughts on the Daily Word

3rd Week of Year. Thursday 29th January. Readings: 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29; Psalm: 131; Gospel: Mark 4:21-25.

David is one of the most famous characters in the Scriptures. He is also one of the most dodgy! He gets up to no good, he is opportunist, cruel, and corrupt at times. He plays the philistines off against Saul and vice versa. Nevertheless, he has generous and very human qualities that somehow draws people to himself, in short, charismatic. That word means full of grace or gifts that make him an outstanding success in leading Israel, even though he sows the seeds of future disasters. This is the light, or grace, that Jesus is talking about. None of us are perfect but all of us have gifts. How we use those gifts ultimately determines our futures and those around us. What we have can light up the world and our sharing makes that world a better place