

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

24th Week of Year. Friday 22nd September. Readings: 1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalm: 48; Luke 8:1-3.

When we look at the treatment by the Taliban of women, a determination to hide them and give as little space or opportunity to them as possible, it must come as a shock to see how Jesus treats them. In fact, it was a shock to his contemporaries to. Not only does he allow women to follow him and support his mission he actually collects some of what must have seemed the most reprehensible women. Cured of evil spirits and ailments could mean almost anything, especially in a world that saw disease as a punishment for sin. Paul tells us to hold to authentic teaching and that must mean a following of the path of Jesus. Not a collection of rules or laws but rather to walk in his footsteps. Where would we be without the amazing work of so many women? Where would we be if we couldn't embrace their compassion and suffering in the cause of Jesus? We men have a lot to learn, perhaps more than we know!