

Thoughts on the Daily Word:

24th Week of Year. Saturday 23rd September. Readings: 1 Timothy 6:13-16.

Psalm: 99; Luke 8:4-15

In the story of the evacuation of Kabul we were forced to see people who have witnessed to what they have believed in. They believed and trusted that the Western powers would lead them to a new life of freedom and prosperity. That faith had been betrayed not just that summer but over a long period of time. Corruption took such a hold that it was almost impossible for a stable country to take root. Perhaps the people Paul and Timothy were hoping too that this new faith would lead them to a new life, even a future life. Paul was teaching this new community how to hold on to that faith by living a new kind of life, of peace and justice with one another. Jesus plants the seed of that new life in his parable. The challenge to witness to that life, that new community we call the Church, remains with us. Speaking the truth means acting the truth just like Jesus before Pilate.