

Thoughts on the Daily Word

23rd Week of the Year. *Friday 13th September. Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27; Psalm: 83; Gospel: Luke 6:39-42.*

We seem to be living in the heart of a paradox! Brexit demands that we have the freedom to do our own thing, yet the pandemic demands that we surrender our liberty in order to care for each other. Really this is the age-old dilemma of human history. The Scripture reflects that, throughout its story of humanity struggling to be free yet needing God and each other in order to simply live. The Gospel tells us not simple answers but where to focus in order to discover that freedom. Paul's journey of faith is much more than a series of inspired lectures, it is the story of one man's journey of discovery. The story of one man's journey into freedom. In a world that was at least honest about slavery, Paul describes what real freedom is all about. A denial of being any kind of slave and yet a freely chosen commitment to serve, to be a servant of all, a slave of all those in need of discovering what real freedom was about. Jesus describes slavery as blindness, a wandering about not knowing where we are going and falling into dark pits. It is a journey, in which we have to lead and support each other. A real paradox in action.