

Thoughts on the Daily Word

22nd Week of the Year. *Saturday 7th September. Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 6:1-5.*

In the readings today we have struggles over authority and power, not uncommon! The Corinthian community are challenging Paul, and the Pharisees are challenging Jesus. Let us be honest with ourselves and recognise that we all have done the same. The title 'Son of Man' that Jesus takes for himself would seem quite simply to show himself as fully human. It is the prophet Daniel who gives that title, basically, to the coming messiah. Paul too, after challenging his wayward community, reveals his weakness and frailty. Keeping all the rules is beyond our capacity and both understand this. They identify with our frailty but see the possibility of the triumph of grace, so do we, if we believe.