

Thoughts on the Daily Word

30th Week of the Year. *Wednesday 30th October. Readings: Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm: 144; Gospel: Luke 13:22-30.*

The Gospel challenges the sense of entitlement held by many members of the Chosen People. Some felt that they had privileged access to God's kingdom. This came from what we would call being a part of the family. The early Church was not a tribal grouping, it was formed from disparate individuals or marginal groups. Paul had to teach them just how to be a family. Not on the local pattern but on the best that Christ had taught. What was undoubtedly revolutionary was to treat even slaves as a part of the family. Given the limited understanding of the time this was the best that these Christians could do to transform their time. When slaves were finally freed in the 19th century, nearly two thousand years later, they were not treat as a part of the family but were usually marginalised in some form. We still have a lot to learn.