

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*4<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Readings of Day: Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15; Psalm: 102; Gospel: Mark 6:1-6.*

In the Gospel Jesus has to break the bonds of race, tribe and family to answer the call to faith. He is forging a new community of faith. As Hebrews tells us, God is training us as his sons, a new kind of community that will forge a new kind of unity across humanity. This is a kind of death that we in the West would struggle to understand, formed as we are in a Christian world. Now that we welcome people from so many parts of the world, so we see that other pattern around us. The danger is that we fall into the same kind of narrow tribalism that leads to culture wars and even real wars. The community we call Church has to bear fruit in universal peace and goodness.

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