

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23 + 1 Corinthians 15:45–49 + Luke 6:27–38



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Jesus said, “To you who hear, I say....”

Imagine that in the gathered crowd, there were those who heard and their lives were turned upside down. Love your enemies? Do good to those who hate you? Turn the other cheek? Mindblowing! But then there were those who listened but did not hear, and they went back to their towns and villages – unchanged.

What might be the reaction if this same discourse were played out in the streets of Chicago?...at the border?...in our neighborhoods, workplaces and our homes? For those whose lives have already been changed by the words of Jesus, they would say, “It’s what you do!” For those who listen but do not hear, they will go on with their hearts filled with prejudice, venomous words and hatred for others.

My prayer is that our ears and minds always ensure that we are those who hear the word of God.

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