

Diving Deeper into Discipleship for May 29, 2022

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All God's Creatures: Thirsty Camels

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Regardless of your age, consider your legacy for a moment. What kind of seeds are you planting, even if you'll never get to see them grow and bear fruit?
- Do you find it easier to patiently pray for God to move, or to decisively act when it seems God is moving? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in whichever area is weaker for you.
- Pray for the future spouses of your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Ask that God will lead them to people with deep character, and that they not become distracted with superficial things.
- Do you believe that God's unfailing "hesed" love is for you? Do you believe that it is for even your worst enemies?

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **Genesis 16:1-6** | How do you think this story impacts Abraham's later unwillingness to compromise on God's plan to find a wife for Isaac?
- **Matthew 26:36-54** | How did Peter's lack of patient prayer affect his ability to sense when and how God was moving later in the story?
- **Proverbs 31:10-31** | What does this description of a "wife of noble character" teach us about traits to look for in a spouse?

Weekly Spiritual Practice

May Practice: Essentials for Confession | Private and Communal
(from *The Making of an Ordinary Saint* by Nathan Foster)

- Confession is both private and communal. It is a wonderful truth that the individual can break through into new life through the Cross without the aid of any human mediator. But if we have not experienced release from the sins and sorrows of the past by means of private confession, we have not exhausted our resources, nor God's grace.
- In *The Book of Common Prayer* we read these encouraging words: "If there be any of you who by this means cannot quiet his own conscience herein but require further comfort or counsel, let him come to me or to some other minister of God's Word, and open his grief."
- If you've already confessed your sins and failures to God, and still feel a heaviness, seek out a trusted Christian friend or spiritual mentor to help with that burden.