

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Ministry Opportunity:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening
Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Looking for Prayer Partners!

Please contact Kork for more information.

Things to Remember :

Remember: we are always collecting items for the Women's Center.
Please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc. to Sunday Tabernacle Service.

Your Prayer Reminders:

We are looking to begin a homeless shelter in Pottstown. Bill and I have talked with several folks who want this too. Are you interested in helping? Please pray.

Pray for Melvin Moore who is still recuperating after removal of his right lower leg. Melvin has suffered another setback this week. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Please remember to pray for Lori's youngest son while he is away at school.

Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... **Psalm 1, Proverbs 31:10-31,
Mark 9:30-37, & James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a**



Please join us for our Sunday Evening
Tabernacle Service

Every Sunday Night at 7:00 pm
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"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mk 8:34

TODAY
Worship
psalm 19
proverbs 1
mark 8
james 3
Benediction



Our Mission

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

[Worship]

proverbs 1::20-33

20 Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. 21 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? 23 Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, 25 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, 27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, 30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. 32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; 33 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."



[Think & Pray...]

[The Scripture]

mark 8::29-37

29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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Meditation: *Jesus said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

Reflection: Jesus, with James, Proverbs, and the psalmist, teaches us to renounce self, to rid ourselves of that which resists the "New Way" of Jesus, becoming cooperative in His work of reconciliation. But Jesus goes further, telling us to take up the cross, to fully experience the exclusion and punishment that come with struggling against this world's paths of injustice.

Miguel D'Escoto of Nicaragua once observed, "I don't think we Christians have understood what carrying the cross means: the path of baptism. We are not carrying the cross when we are poor or sick, or suffering small everyday things. They are all part of life. The cross comes when we try to change things. That is how it came for Jesus." Let's get it straight!

Your Action: Do you agree with Miguel D'Escoto's understanding of carrying the cross? Where do you fit into his observation...?

Read **James 3::1-12**
and **psalm 19**