

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

### 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.

**Camp Conquest Banquet:** Come celebrate with us on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 at Weavers Market in Adamstown. Updates on the Bathroom Project, purchase of adjacent property and reports from Summer Camp. Adults \$10, children free. Call the camp office for tickets, 717.336.2541

### 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. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Please remember to pray for Lori's youngest son while he is away, also remember her as she struggles to find her place in God's family.

Please pray for the Rabenold family as they struggle to be obedient to God.

Please pray for Randy and Shane as they struggle to let go of things that hurt them.

Mary Toney is moving on November 6. Will you consider helping her?

Dale Bowen is in need of work. He can do up to 6 hrs a day, and is great at landscaping and lawn care. Could you use his help, or do you know of anyone who could use his services? Contact Kork at the church office.

Please pray for Leona Zupko who has been diagnosed with stomach and colon cancer.

### Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... **October 15, 2006: Proper 23 (Year B)**  
**Psalm 22:1-15, Job 23:1-9, 16-17,**  
**Mark 10:17-31, & Hebrews 4:12-16**

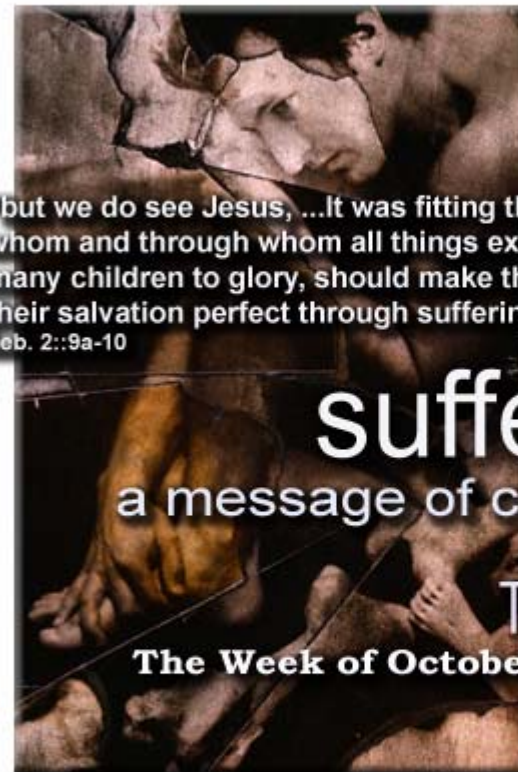
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"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" **Psalm 23**



"but we do see Jesus, ...It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings." **heb. 2::9a-10**

**suffering**  
a message of credibility

**TODAY**  
**The Week of October 8st, 2006**

**Worship**  
psalm 26  
job 1 & 2  
mark 10  
hebrews 1 & 2

### Our Mission

To pursue God's heart and mission of building **Benediction** 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]

### psalm 26

1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind. 3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. 4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; 5 I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. 6 I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD, 7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. 8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides. 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty, 10 those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. 11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. 12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

### [Think & Pray...]

**Meditation:** "...we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

**Reflection:** Why do we suffer? Is it our own fault? Are we being punished for wrongdoing? Many of the psalms ask the question, Why me? They represent the voices of people who sense that they have lived faithfully, yet despite their goodness experience faith-testing calamity. Many of the psalms reveal a heightened sense of self-awareness over wrongdoing too, and there is undoubtedly a real element in suffering that is brought upon ourselves through our misdeeds.

Paradoxically, it is through suffering that healing comes. Jesus, and his submission to suffering and death, was to "benefit all humanity" (Heb. 2:9). Jesus' example is not something we are required to observe through the rearview mirror of history, but to follow in every detail today as we move forward *IN HIS NAME*.

**Your Action:** When have you asked the question, Why me? Have you had times when your own sense of wrongdoing has been heightened? What caused such a change of perspective? How has Jesus' experience of suffering challenged you to live your life as he did?

## [The Scripture]

### hebrews 1::1-4, 2::5-12

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? 7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, 8 subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Mk 10::15

Read job 1::1; 2::1-10  
and mark 10::2-16