

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

**Worship:**

**Tabernacle Worship Service**

**Every Sunday Evening**

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

**Home Churches:**

**Hanover St. Home Church**

**Monday Evenings**

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings**

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

**Prayer Requests:**

**Keep Nancy and her family in prayers.** Since Melvin's passing, Nancy has had a stroke. She is doing better, but will need to live with a tracheotomy. She will be moving to Morgantown very soon. Please keep her in your prayers!

**Please continue to pray for The Ministries at MAIN Street.** On July 14<sup>th</sup> when HOME Depot's "Team Depot" will be coming to minister to us and our community. Please consider coming out to help on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. This summer work is to position us to reopen this fall. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

**Ministry:**

**The Table**

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

**Eden St. Home Church**

**Tuesday Evenings on hold for the summer**

846 High & Eden Sts Pottstown, PA 19464

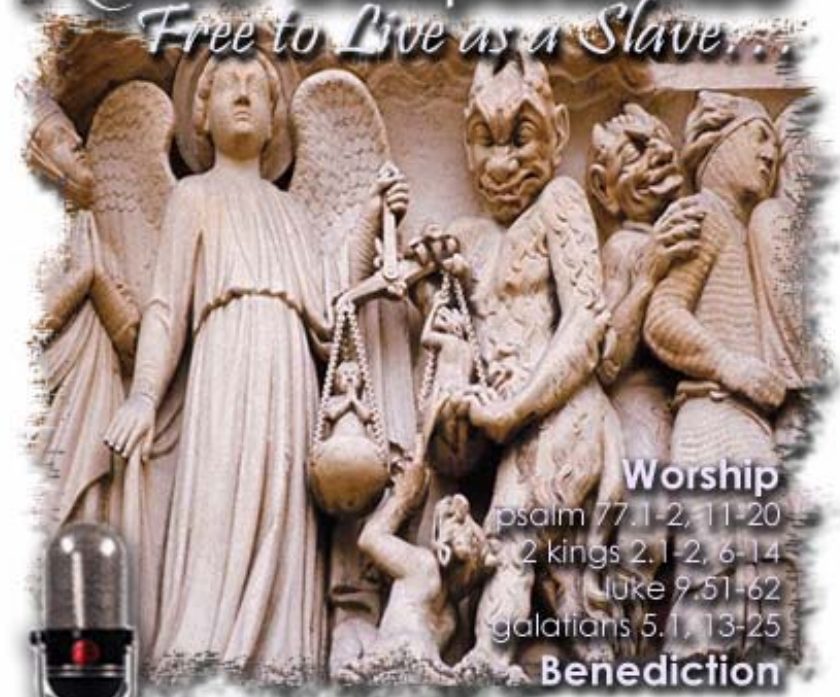
7:00 to 9:30

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

July 1 :: 2007

*Real Independence  
Free to Live as a Slave.*



**Worship**

psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

2 kings 2:1-2, 6-14

luke 9:51-62

galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Benediction**

proper 9 (Year C)

**Tabernacle Worship**

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

Every Sunday Evening at 7:00, St. John's parish House

July 8, 2007: **Proper 9** (Year C)

**psalm 30, 2 kings 5:1-14, luke 10:1-11, 16-20, & galatians 6:1-16**

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[Journaling Worship]  
your discussion notes...



**Meditation:**

...Someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9.57b—62)

**Reflection:**

"To have no place to lay your head is difficult, unsettling - and an essential part of a walk with God. This "liminal space" is a unique spiritual position where human beings hate to be but where the biblical God is always leading us." - Richard Rohr, OFM

[Service]

Today...

Worship Film ::

"sooner or later"

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Scripture Reading ::

luke 9.51-62

Focus Films ::

"dying to POWER"

The Scripture ~

Real Independence

Free to Live as a Slave...

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5.13 & 14

psalm 77.1-2, 11-20, 2 kings 2.1-2, 6-14,  
luke 9.51-62 & galatians 5.1, 13-25

Reflection Film ::

"led by the Spirit"

Benediction ::

revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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home church studies

## psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

[Worship]

1 | cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. 2 | In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. 11 | I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. 12 | I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. 13 | Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? 14 | You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. 15 | With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah 16 | When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled. 17 | The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side. 18 | The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. 19 | Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. 20 | You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### Consider:

### [Think & Pray...]

To compound the distinction, Jesus, unlike Elijah, does not permit his followers to say goodbye or even to bury their dead, for "no one who looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God." To follow Jesus is to do so wholeheartedly—there is no middle ground.

Paul reminds the Galatians community that they "were called for freedom," which is most fully expressed by the ability "to serve one another through love." He insists that this law is the highest way because it bears the true fruits of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

James and John's suggestion to punish those who rejected them was a clear indication that they still lived by the flesh. We, too, can easily see where our loyalties lie by the fruits of our actions, especially those directed toward our enemies.

How can we possibly proclaim the good news if we ourselves have not left everything to live it?

Good questions - "What is the relationship between faith and the law?"

## [The Scripture] galatians 5.1, 13-25

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

