

Saturday April 3 – **Holy Saturday**

Stewardship Principle

Readings: Job 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66

Prayer: *O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*<sup>80</sup>

Focal Verse: “The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:7-8

Reflection:

Being faithful in stewardship means putting our faith into action. We believe that all we are and all we have belongs to God and we believe that this is good news. Stewardship is about discovering the practical value of our faith. The creeds and confessions that we recite are not just words and talk; they are prescriptions for experiencing life at its best.

A faithful steward is a person who

- a) views this world as God’s good creation and is grateful to be a part of its;
- b) knows that God cares for those whom God has made and is ready and willing to rule their lives; and
- c) trusts God to provide him or her with whatever is needed to be content.

The good news of biblical stewardship is that those who live as people who belong to God experience life at its absolute best. In the Bible: generosity leads to rejoicing (1 Chronicles 29:9) and joy leads people to give generously (2 Corinthians 8:2).<sup>81</sup>

**10** **Accept a challenge**

means recognizing the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings, and our responsibilities. Paul writes,

“... the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”  
2 Corinthians 9:6

What do you hear?  
How does it make you feel?  
Toward what are you being drawn?  
What do you sense you should do?

<sup>80</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship

<sup>81</sup> Powell, Mark Allan, Giving to God: The Bible’s Good News about Living a Generous Life, © 2006, Errdmans Publishing, p. 43-44.