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Mathew 10:40-42 (NLT)

⁴⁰ "Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me.

⁴¹ If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs.

⁴² And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."



There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Each and every year, he won the award for the best grown corn.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer had been sharing his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

The moral of the story is a good one to try to internalize. The corn farmer is a great representation of the law of reciprocity. As Sir Paul McCartney put it in the Beatles album Abbey Road, "The love you take is equal to the love you make", which he later explained in a sketch on Saturday Night Live to mean "The more you give, the more you get."

My hope is that we can all be more like Sir Paul, and like the corn farmer and be a little bit more giving and generous because, in the end, none of us will truly win, until we all win.

~ unknown

The greatest lesson I've learned in life is that I still have a lot to learn. ~ Maya Angelou

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

[Refrain]



"Is your glass half empty or half full?" asked the mole.

"I think I'm grateful to have a glass," said the boy."

~ Charlie Mackesy, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We also pray for the people of Russia - where things seem to be a bit "complicated" at the moment.
- We pray for people travelling in the upcoming school holidays - that they travel safely, and have an enjoyable break.
- We give thanks for heaters and blankets, and everything which keeps us warm at the moment.



Meg's Musings

In Russia, at the moment there seems to be much uncertainty and perhaps some change. So much is hidden, and no one has the full picture. In Russia itself, it probably isn't safe to ask too many questions!

In our Christian walk, there is also often uncertainty and the hint of change.

But we have a God who we can come to with all of our questions, all of uncertainties, and all of our fears. We may not always understand the answers, or be puzzled by the lack of answers.

But each question is heard. God understands our uncertainties, confusion, and yearning for certainty. We have a God who loves us, and wants what is best for us.....always.

Blessings from Meg



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratitude, peace and humility?

Anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

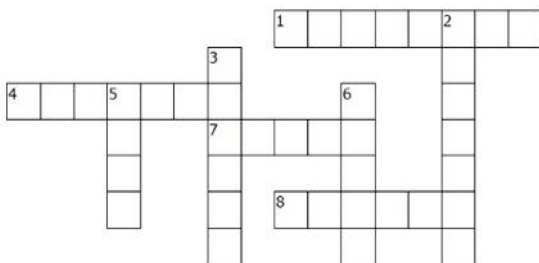
Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

~ Dr M. A. Chaudhary

"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



ACROSS

1. A follower of Jesus
4. To gladly receive someone into your own house
7. An odorless, colorless, tasteless liquid; H2O
8. Small; not large

DOWN

2. A person who speaks for God
3. Recognition of someone's good behavior
5. The opposite of hot; having a very low temperature
6. A fact that has been proven

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23



CHURCH SERVICES

9 July 11am **West** ~ Evelyn Kean



4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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