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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 21

GOD WANTS
US TO TURN
BACK TO
HIM AND
OBEY HIM





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Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Share about a time you changed your mind?
- 2. Did changing your mind affect anyone else besides yourself? Was it positive?



Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.

Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from the rock

2nd reading

Philippians 2:1-13 Imitating Christ's humility

Gospel reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Parable of the two sons

DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about two sons (Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?



ACTION RESPONSE

Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves". Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.



PRAYER

Lord, show us

your ways, help

us to follow

BLESSING

May God free you from sin and make your heart new.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, thank you for daily bread. Help us not to moan or grumble; give us hearts both kind and humble. Amen.

DON'T BE JEALOUS OR PROUD, BUT BE HUMBLE AND CONSIDER OTHERS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES. THINK THE SAME WAY THAT CHRIST JESUS THOUGHT.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3. 5



VERSE OF THE WEEK