

"THE RUSH OF THE WIND IN THE PERFECT ONE!"
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 6, 2021
GENESIS 3:8-15; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1; MARK 3:20-35
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Where will the coming weeks take you? Graduation parties, weddings, family reunions, vacations, trips, outings, family celebrations, picnics, games and tournaments, more. So many activities, so many encounters, so many exchanges, so many opportunities to come together, to be together, and yet, so many chances for God's imperfect people to be imperfect. Much is beginning to go forward once again; and at times this may not be easy. God's people going forward, at times, is not always easy either. Where does your spiritual life continue to take you? So many encounters, exchanges, chances for God's imperfect people to be imperfect. As our readings today remind us, from Adam and Eve, to those who followed Jesus, to early believers, The Perfect One, and perfect grace break forth with the gift of forgiveness to restore the imperfect, to renew you and me, one and all, with the rush of The Wind!

1. Adam and Eve were in The Perfect Garden, still they were imperfect. We are only human, too. We try, too, to justify ourselves, to defend ourselves, to rationalize our actions and choices, to blame others, rather than simply ask for mercy, and to feel the rush of The Wind! Genesis 3:8-15
 - A. The One who created us, did not create us to be perfect. We were not created to be God.
 - B. We were created to imperfectly believe and trust in The One who is perfect, perfectly forgives us, makes us one, graces us!

2. Early believers were passionate, yet, they, too, were imperfect. Those who witnessed them saw them as fanatical, rather than passionate, faithful. We can fear, too, how others see us and our faith, and we can sacrifice being faithful for being accepted, included. Feel the rush of The Perfect Wind, renewing you and your faith! 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 - A. So easy for us to play it safe, live it safe, keep it safe.
 - B. The One who is perfect, perfectly forgives us.
 - C. Feel the rush of The Wind! Be bold once again!

3. Relationships are such a blessing, and yet, relationships, too, can be imperfect. Jesus reminds us today being true to our faith, will build the strongest relationships, with our brothers and sisters and family, and across the family of God. Mark 3:20-35

- A. Imperfect moments, sadly often divide us.
 - B. Satan can appear tireless. God is tireless, and perfectly faithful.
 - C. When we feel conflicted, when times are complicated, when issues appear divisive, and all appears imperfect, let's stay close to The One who stays close to us, The One who is perfect, The One who is our brother, The One who restores our relationships, makes us brothers and sisters and family.
4. Where does your spiritual life continue to take you? So many encounters, exchanges, chances for God's imperfect people to be imperfect. Feel the rush of The Wind in The Perfect One! Scars are healed, we are renewed! The One who does God's will, is our brother. The Lord has mercy, perfectly gracing us once again! Mark 3:35

F - Faith

O - Others & Ourselves

R - Redemption

G - Gift

I - Imperfection transformed, perfected

V - Victory, validate, value

E - Everyone

N - Nurture, nourishment, now, new, next steps

E - Eternal

S - Security

S - Salvation