

Reflection Wednesday Week3 Sts. Timothy & Titus 2022

Saints Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

Businesses would have loved Jesus because of his future planning and the formation he gave to his recruits (disciples). He was affirming, too, because he did not ask for the impossible i.e. make people accept the Good News against their will. He asked them to give of their best and help those who accepted the Good News knowing he would be with them.

Paul talks about the Body of Christ being a household we might call family. Even if our experience of family is not good, we have an understanding of what a good family should be. Loyalty, trust, love, caring, support, encouragement, affirmation are all words that spring to mind when thinking of family; themes evident in Paul’s letters to his beloved friends, Timothy and Titus.

Discipleship (Justin Farley)

Don’t let your bondage hold you back.

Don’t let your misfortunes,
your dark secrets, or your mischievous ways
blind your eyes to the light.

Don’t let arrogance, pride, fear, or greed
mute your ears to the command of his call –
“Follow me!”

That’s not follow me when,
follow me if,
or follow me but...

It is “follow me”
without restriction or based upon circumstance.

It doesn’t leave time to pack a suitcase.

It doesn’t leave time to say goodbye.

It doesn’t promise ease or relaxation.

It isn’t a decision to think about and ponder
that sits disconnected from time.

It is a command in the present,
a call to action, right here, right now.

Throw down your nets far behind you
so that you don’t get caught in their snare
on the way forward.

Leave it all behind you
to gain it all in front of you
and “Follow me!”