

Reflection Saturday Week 31 – 2022

What's clear in Paul's letter to the Philippians is that by sending him money for his mission they have gained a very good friend. However, Paul is moved more by the fact that they wanted to support and encourage him.

In these days when the economy is a common discussion point, the poor have become even poorer if not destitute as inflation rises like a neep tide. We need to think more communally rather than *I'm all right Jack*. We are more powerful together than we are alone. A problem far too difficult for one person to solve can be solved by many people acting together in small ways.

Jesus never wanted to carry out his mission alone, he wanted to work with others. The gospel writers never reveal how important his followers were to Jesus and, possibly, he never spoke much about it. But Jesus died when his disciples were still unclear and uncertain about the future but was convinced that they would carry on his work successfully. We are thankful to them for inspiring us to live the mission of good news.

Today that Good News is about working together to help each other pass through the current period of economic difficulty and bring as many people, especially those most in need, with us.

Destitute (*Phyllis Strong*)

Another night without anything to eat
no heat in the house,
no shoes for their feet.

You wander the streets
where will you sleep?
You dig in the trash;
for something to eat.

Dwell under a bridge,
in a tent or a box
defecate in a hole;
that's the home of a fox.

Beg for some change
from those in your same boat,
Winter is coming;
you need a warm coat.

But let's not end,
on such a sad note;
Jesus Christ is the answer,
He'll give you hope.