

Reflection Saturday Week 20 – 2023

The story of Ruth unfolds and we begin to see how God works in mysterious ways in response to human love and goodness. Ruth gave birth to a son who is named Obed, who was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Any true power that we have, or think we have, is the power of God working in us. We have responsibilities that are multitude and on many different levels, Responsibilities to our families, to our friends and as Jesu would say, to our enemies. Responsibility to our employers, to our club and especially to our faith community and with these responsibilities we have the power to fulfil them. As Jesus makes clear, however, the power we have been given is a power for service, not a power for ourselves in any shape or form. Power is a gift to used for others. In serving others you discover that:

You start to know yourself better, as beauty and love become part of you. And by keeping on living like this, these qualities keep growing stronger and stronger. Eventually they will keep on growing until living that way becomes effortless.

You become a flow of love, goodness, and kindness. As the Celts believe, you become a channel of love and that just wants to flow through you into others. Then there will be no more effort needed to be loving—it will just come naturally. You cannot separate yourself from love itself.

Now we begin to see the wisdom of Jesus!!