

### **Reflection Thursday Week 5 – 2024**

Once again our readings present us with a paradox which Jesus was to so many. Solomon turns completely away from God and yet God does not leave him totally bereft. While the faith in Jesus of a pagan woman is enough for Jesus to heal her sick child.

Both of these events hint at the desire of God to save us at all costs and his desire for us to live in the way Jesus helpfully marked out for us. God's love for us is well beyond reason. We should be truly thankful for a love of God that heals, inspires, encourages and supports us in the most difficult of times. A love that is merciful, consoling and motivating.

How great is our God!!

It is possible that Mark wants us to be like Jesus by asking us to keep our doors open to other believers and non-believers alike, to those of other faiths and of no faith. All are loved by God equally. We cannot be otherwise if we true disciples of Jesus. May God bless our hearts with doors that are always open to others.