

Prayer Guide – Week 5

A Table in the Wilderness for David

Opening Prayer

O Lord, can you really spread a table in the wilderness of life? Walk with me as I walk this path of the cross with honest questions of life in my heart and my face turned to find the table you have spread in the wilderness for so many before me, and now also for me. Amen.

Reading

While David was in the wilderness, he asked a wealthy man named Nabal, whose shepherds David had protected, to give food to him and his men. Instead, Nabal hurled insults at David. But Nabal's wife, Abigail, acted quickly. She took bread, wine, meat, roasted grain, cakes of raisins, and pressed figs, loaded them on donkeys, and went out to meet David and his men. David said, "Praise be to the Lord, who has sent you to meet me and kept me from avenging myself." He accepted from her hand what she had brought him and sent her home in peace (adapted from 1 Samuel 25).

Reflect

- What do I notice or feel as I look at this picture?
- What makes me angry and perhaps even wanting to even the score?
- Can God really provide a table in the wilderness of anger and vengeance?

Christ Speaks: Words of Encouragement

Take heart, my child. Cast your burdens on to me; I will carry your cross for you. My Father attends you. He is your Father, too. All that is needed God's hands will provide.

Closing Prayer

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your life, your death, and your resurrection you have shown us how God always spreads a table in the wilderness in the face of all our fears. Amen.