

Monday, 2 November 2020 -- Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

I received an unexpected text the other day, informing me that my recent blood donation was being used in a certain hospital to help a patient in need. It used to be that I would give blood, and then never know where it went, or who perhaps benefited from it; I just hoped it would be available to someone in need at a time when it was needed most. Now, with the advent of tracking technology, I'm informed when my donation is used for someone in need, used to foster life.

In Matthew's gospel, as Jesus informs the disciples of what is required of them in kingdom work, he reminds them that their calling now is to the work of life, and Abundant Life. They no longer serve themselves, but those around them in need. "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:25b-28, NLT).

As we enter this week, may you remember and be convicted in your call to serve others in the love of Christ. And as we have received Life from Jesus, may we offer life to all whom God loves (which is the world - John 3:16-17).

Prayer: Lord, by the gift of your Spirit, may my words and my actions this week be ones that uplift, support, strengthen, and bring about life to those around me. And may I never forget the Life you brought into my life. Amen.