

Scripture

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Matthew 20:1-16

Monday

The Lord responded, “Don’t say, ‘I’m only a child.’ Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. Don’t be afraid of them, because I’m with you to rescue you,” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 1:7-8

It doesn't matter how early we hear the message or if we run away from God's love most of our life, the reward of life with God is there for us, offered freely. Not only the reward, but the purpose behind it.

Tuesday

You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. John 15:16

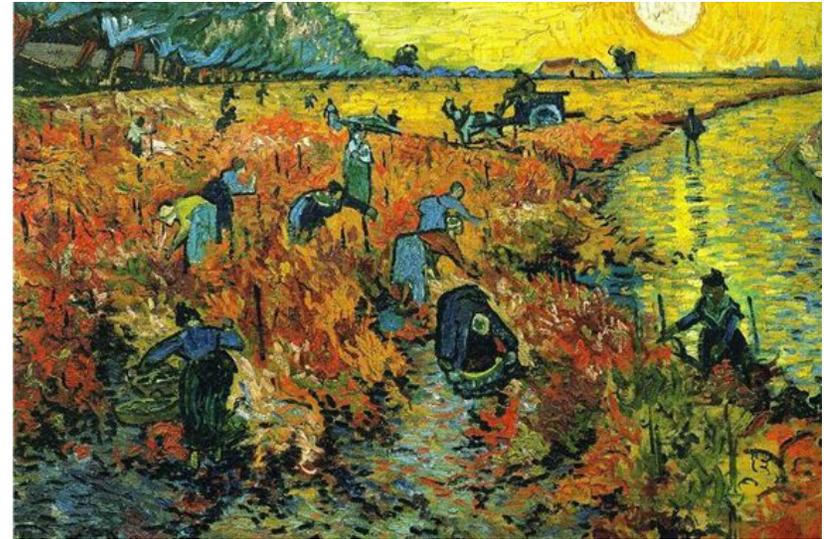
You are chosen by God. You are loved in a precious way by the God who is love. In the morning or the evening of our life, God is there for us, desiring to be with us.

Wednesday

Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

It is always important to remember that grumbling always comes from somewhere. Like the workers in the field, they had a reason to grumble because

they didn't understand the true gift they would receive. We should not dismiss grumbling, even our own, but instead comfort those who are discouraged and be patient, even with ourselves.



Thursday

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Genesis 12:4

Abram had been faithful to God, but the true call on his life came when he was 75 and childless. He thought his life was nearing its end and it was just beginning. God can call us at anytime to do something amazing for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Friday

So let's press on to maturity, by moving on from the basics about Christ's word. Hebrews 6:1

No matter when we are asked to go to the vineyards of the Lord, we can grow in our faith. God offers us the infinite depths of Godself in knowing him. We press on together.

Saturday

Oh, let me sing about faithful love and justice! I want to sing my praises to you, LORD! Psalm 101:1

Let us praise God for the miracle that we are each called and loved and sent. Let us not grumble about what someone else received but sing praises to the LORD!