

AUG 28

WEDNESDAY | ORDINARY TIME

“The wicked are too proud to seek God. They seem to think that God is dead. Yet they succeed in everything they do. They do not see your punishment awaiting them. They sneer at all their enemies. They think, “Nothing bad will ever happen to us! We will be free of trouble forever!”
Psalms 10:4-6 NLT

[lectio] // PSALM 10

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

I know that not everyone is at the level of wickedness that the Psalmist records, but there are plenty in power who are. From Gang leaders to politicians, from Generals to education superintendents, from pastors to city council members - evil exists in every strata of human systems. And, to the Psalmists point, they believe they are untouchable, beyond law or reason. There is, however, a righteous judge. One that sees all and knows the hearts of leaders. And because he is just, he will woo and warn, give and take power and even punish when necessary. This is where we should trust, this is where we should pray, this is where we should be wise and patient long enough for God to do his work, his will. Remember Israel wanted a king, not just because all the cool countries had one, but because they didn't trust God to deal with Samuel's sons - who were very wicked.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

My job as a Christ follower and one who is gifted to lead is to realize that some folks and their wicked behavior is out of my control, but not out of your reach. My part is to pray. Pray for their heart to change, for their conscience to kick in, for you to intervene with grace first. Then be patient as you deal with them in your perfect time. Trust and obey, for there's no other way.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root