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Liturgical Date: Year C, Lent 3, 23rd March 2025

Presenter: Carolyn Sharp

Focus Reading: Luke 13:1-9, Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8

Message 11 minutes 50 seconds

"God's Second Chances"

Discussion Starters

1. What spoke to you in today's message?
2. How have you used God's second chances?
3. How has this changed what you do in your congregation?
4. How does this spill over into what you do in your community?

Readings for this day

Isaiah 55:1-9 God offers all that we need and more, yet we are inclined to run after things that do not satisfy our deepest needs, and so God calls us to turn back.

Psalm 63:1-8 The psalmist believes that God satisfies our deepest needs and that it is impossible for the believer to flourish when away from God. For this reason, the psalmist sings, "My whole being thirsts for you" (v 1).

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 What we do matters. The choices we make matter. Paul therefore both urges us to resist temptation and promises that God will support us as we strive to be faithful.

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All Age Message: Carolyn Sharp

"Choosing to Be Good Fruit"

Length 3 minutes 5 seconds

Precis of AAM

To have good fruit a tree needs to be planted, watered, fertilized, and given time to grow and be ready to have fruit. Given the right circumstances it should not need to be cut down and thrown away! The 'fruits' we need to tend are love, joy, patience, kindness, and gentleness. These are the fruits God wants to see from us, even if it is a 2nd chance!

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 27 - pages 264-265.

Carolyn Sharp

I currently live in Wauchope on the Mid North Coast and am treasurer and on the Church Council as well as leading some services in my local congregation. I'm a mum and a granny, and I love catching up with our widespread family as often as I can. I enjoy reading, gardening, walking, knitting, crochet, and puzzles and I am looking forward to seeing more of Australia.