

Why I read Scripture // The Rev. David Curtis // February 21, 2024

Two rival leaders, both who feel that they are the rightful leaders of their people. A nation on the brink of civil war. Religious leaders taking sides. Adultery, betrayal, armed men in the streets and in the countryside.

No, I'm not reading from today's headlines. Rather, it's a synopsis of 1st and 2nd Samuel, which the Education for Ministry group I mentor read a few weeks ago. As we read this story of God's people, we discussed how there is nothing new under the sun. History may not repeat itself, but sometimes it rhymes.

This is one of the many reasons why I read scripture. It is the revelation of God and God's word to God's people. It tells the story of how we, the people of God, have tried and tried and tried to follow God, only to come up short. And yet, even when we fall short, God is there to catch us, to hold us, and to lift us up to try again.

This Lent, we gather at 9:15 in Thornton Hall to hear scripture and to reflect on what it means for us today. Each week, we will focus on the Gospel passage, and a different member of All Saints will facilitate the conversation.

You are invited to join us, when you can, to "hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" that day's Gospel passage. It is a wonderful way to deepen one's Lenten observance.

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