

SERMON NOTES

11th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14, Year A * August 13, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

1 Kings 19:8-18 * Psalm 85 * Romans 10:5-15 * Matthew 14:22-36

You're NOT the Only One

Elijah said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 1 Kings 19:10

God replies, "I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed his statue." 1 Kings 19:18

✦ You are NOT the O_____ one.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

✦ You are NOT the one left B_____.

Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Matthew 14:29-30

✦ You are NOT the only one who's F_____.

BUT...

"My life is too..."

No, it's not.

"I'm not enough.

Yes, you are.

"I might fail."

So what?

Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 * Psalm 67 * Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *
Matthew 15:10-28

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. Tell about a time when you felt like you were the only one who'd ever experienced your situation, or that your troubles were worse than anyone else's.
2. Tell about a time you felt like you were left out, left behind, or not part of the group.
3. Tell about a time you tried something and failed. What did you learn from that?
4. What dream, project, task, or adventure would you attempt, if you knew you couldn't fail?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for being with you when you felt no one else was.
 - ✦ Thanking God for getting you through your failure.
 - ✦ For grace and courage to attempt what you described in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.