

Thought for the Week
13th October 2019
28th Sunday in Ordinary time

“We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful...”

I must admit that I often find the readings we get from St Paul difficult. Partly it's those long Greek sentences without punctuation which, when coupled with my lack of knowledge of context and theology, make discovering each Sunday's message hard. This week it seems a bit easier.

Even St Paul sometimes finds the Good News hard to bear and live out—*“even to being chained like a criminal”*. Paul says that he bears the hardships for the sake of those who are chosen — that they may have the salvation that comes through Jesus. And that means us too! For without his mission to the gentiles how would we have come to know Christ?

So when we find it hard to live out our Christian vocation, we are in good company. Let us pray that we too can *“run the race to the finish”*.

In today's Gospel there is a similar message of hope for us when we fall short of the ideal. Jesus may be disappointed that only one leper came back to give thanks, but he didn't in a fit of pique un-cure the other nine!

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