

AUGUST 28, 2016



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SIRACH 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

PSALM 68:4–5, 6–7, 10–11

HEBREWS 12:18–19, 22–24A

LUKE 14:1, 7–14

REFLECTION

Today's Scripture asks you to know yourself, to love the gifts God gave you, and to work on making these gifts so brilliant that new opportunities open up for you to share those gifts. These gifts are the ones Jesus wants you to use to invite all kinds of people to the wedding banquet (a metaphor for God's Kingdom), not just the friends you know. It isn't always easy to reach beyond our comfort zone, but it isn't beyond our strength when we choose to let God work through us.



NEWS REPORT:
HOMELESS STUDENT
RECEIVES KINDNESS

KGBT ACTION 4 NEWS

Rio Grande Valley of Texas
and Mexico

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=htFdCiNQBVE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htFdCiNQBVE)

ACTION

Do a search online to find a list of "random acts of kindness" and be alert to opportunities to always put another person's needs before your own. Open your Bible to the Book of Sirach and scan through the titles. Find a passage that speaks to you and your needs right now.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What are you good at doing? How can you use these gifts in a way that brings joy to others?
- What goals feel "beyond your strength" and yet you want to achieve something in this area. Why is it important to you to be successful? Is it right to spend so much time in this area?
- Who are the people who offer you wisdom and practical advice?