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Faith finding courage

⁵⁰ Now there was a
Council member named
Joseph, a good and
righteous man, 51 who
had not consented to
their decision or action.
He was from the Judean
town of Arimathea, and
was waiting for the
Kingdom of God. 52He
went to Pilate to ask for
the body of Jesus.
⁵³ Then he took it down,
wrapped it in a linen
cloth, and placed it in a
tomb cut into the rock,
where no one had yet
been laid. ⁵⁴ It was
Preparation Day, and the
Sabbath was beginning.

55The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how His body was placed. 56Then they returned to prepare spices and perfumes. And they rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment.

Luke 23:50-56

Facing my 23:50-51 Joseph of Arimathea Mark 15:43, Matthew 27:57, John 19:38
Fearful disciples have v50 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 1:3-4
Fearful disciples are v51 2 Timothy 1:7-8, Proverbs 31:9
Fearful disciples hope in the v51 Romans 14:17
Finding my 23:52-53
Faithful disciples have
Faithful disciples take 53 1 Peter 3:15-16
Faithful disciples pay the 53 Luke 9:23
Failure is not 23:54-56
Faithful disciples respond to 56 This little light of mine
Faithful disciples trust the
Faithful disciples obey the 56

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 7 Lurline & Terry
- M 8 Rosalie & Jim D. Church Council, 7:30 PM
- T 9 Ian & Eleanor
- W 10 Mary F. Deeper at Diggers, 11 AM
- T 11 Jean H
- F 12 Myanmar orphans & students
- S 13 Paula & Paul
- S 14 Diane J

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. Funerals are a time of heightened emotions. Why is it so?
- 2. What factors made Jesus' funeral a very emotional event?
- 3. Joseph of Arimathea was afraid of declaring his faith in Jesus (John 19:38). What do you think made him bold (Mk.15:43) at this time?
- 4. What steps can we take to be more bold about our faith in Jesus?
- 5. Dinner on that evening was the Passover meal. What are some connections between Passover and Jesus' death?
- 6. The women prepared for how they saw the future (56a). Their predictions were wrong. How can we prepare for God to do something unexpected?

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