



## Is This Not the Fast I Choose?

Isaiah 58: 6 – 9a

“Is not this the fast I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the throngs of the  
yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread  
with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor  
into your house;  
when you see the naked, to  
cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from  
your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth  
like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up  
quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before  
you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be  
your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord  
will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he  
will say, Here I am.

# loving

These words of Isaiah 58 echo down to us across the centuries. Although the culture, language, and millennium of our time are radically different, the message is no less pertinent.

We live in a world where problems seem overwhelming: world hunger, homelessness, epidemics—and these are just a few of the headlines on the front page. We are distressed by all the problems facing us.

Being faithful stewards of all we have been given is a loving response. Generosity is necessary for our gaps in society to be filled. Sharing our time, talents, and money empowers all of us to build paths of life. Imagining with the Holy about a future time when all humanity will reflect the hospitality of God can inspire us to action, reflecting the divine image that is within each of us.

faithful  
hopeful  
loving



Share your food  
with the hungry.  
Invite the homeless  
into your house.  
Put clothes  
on the ill-clad.



Stewardship 2021: “And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

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