

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
—Psalm 51:10

A long-neglected painting hanging in Venice’s San Salvador church has been identified as a Renaissance masterpiece by Vittore Carpaccio. For years, the dirt-encrusted *Supper at Emmaus*, depicting the resurrected Christ meeting two apostles in a country inn, was thought to be a poor copy of a 15th-century work. Its discovery as a Carpaccio, worth an estimated \$50 million, follows the restoration of the canvas by the Save Venice campaign.

At first it was passed over by Save Venice because it was too dreary. But a closer inspection of the work by two top United States and Italian restorers convinced Save Venice to fund the project. After the removal of three layers of over-painting what emerged was a sumptuously colored, finely detailed painting. The date 1513 at the lower right, along with stylistic and historical clues, led to its attribution to Carpaccio.

Like a masterpiece, God’s forgiveness coupled with the penitent’s confession and contrition leads to a glorious unveiling of a new work, a new life, that has hitherto been unseen by others and unknown by the repentant himself or herself. When we ask God to restore us, the grace and mercy God extends toward us make us what the apostle Paul describes as a “new creation in Christ.”

—Timothy Merrill

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
OT	Isaiah 19:1-21:17	Isaiah 22:1-24:23	Isaiah 25:1-28:13
NT	Galatians 2:1-16	Galatians 2:17-3:9	Galatians 3:10-22
PSA	Psalm 59:1-17	Psalm 60:1-12	Psalm 61:1-8
PROV	Proverbs 15	Proverbs 16	Proverbs 17
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	Isaiah 28:14-30:11	Isaiah 30:12-33:9	Isaiah 33:10-36:22
	Galatians 3:23-4:31	Galatians 5:1-12	Galatians 5:13-26
	Psalm 62:1-12	Psalm 63:1-11	Psalm 64:1-10
	Proverbs 18	Proverbs 19	Proverbs 20
	<i>Saturday</i>		
	Isaiah 37:1-38:22		
	Galatians 6:1-18		
	Psalm 64:1-10		
	Proverbs 21		

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**NOW UNTO THE KING
ETERNAL,
IMMORTAL,
INVISIBLE,
THE ONLY WISE GOD,
BE HONOUR AND
GLORY
FOR EVER AND EVER.
AMEN.**

I TIMOTHY 1:17



