

Daily Reflection

May 25, 2020

Finally!! In the first lesson of today's [Daily Office readings](#), Joshua is finally promoted to commander in chief after 40-some years as Moses' ace lieutenant. . What feelings bubbled up for him during all the long years in the desert? Was he impatient to lead? Did he wonder whether he might finish his life as #2?

Wondering is a favorite human pastime. Just as the song says, we wonder as we wander. Popular articles say 85 to 90% of the things we wonder about fretfully never happen.

If our parish leaders had gathered early in 2019 to wonder about the future, it is unlikely a possible pandemic would have been mentioned. But we embarked on activities that have prepared us well for that and anything else that might come our way.

Since then, you have: 1) looked honestly at how our community handles conflict and committed to make healthy changes, 2) examined our history and celebrated God's resourcefulness in the face of every past challenge, 3) strengthened transparent processes for decision-making, including selection of our Call Committee, and 4) raised up new participants in worship and pastoral care ministries.

Joshua was a very successful leader. It seems he heard something God said to him three times in today's lesson: "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua* 1:9

St. Margaret's is well prepared to trust that assurance. May God's words guide us all this and every day.

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