

**TFTD 29/09/20**

***The Lord your God is with you; his power gives you victory.  
The Lord will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life.***

***He will sing and be joyful over you, (Zeph 3:17)***

The seasons are changing. The rules to daily life are changing. Thought for the day is coming back. We aren't always in control of what is going on. This is hard for those of us who like to plan, who like to know what's coming next. I am a massive planner, I like to make sure I am seeing friends, fitting in tennis, time with Sam (if he's lucky!) as well as fulfilling my role as curate. Yet as we enter autumn and winter there is a lot of unknown. And it can be easy to focus on these unknowns. Can we go into school and run Christingle? What will remembrance look like this year? How do we celebrate Christmas as a community at a distance?

Yet, despite these annoying unknowns, '*The Lord your God is with you; his power gives you victory.*' This is a truth we can rely on. How fantastic to know that God delights in us! I find myself thinking more often about my love for God and if I'm doing the right thing (have I planned in the right way!?) than reflecting on God's love for me. However, I often find the more I spend time sitting and acknowledging God's love for me, the more I am able to reflect it to the world.

And with that thought that God loves each one of us and wants to sing and be joyful over each of us, no matter who we are I want to end with a prayer by Henri Nouwen:

*I so much want to be in control.  
I want to be the master of my own destiny.  
Still I know that you are saying:  
"Let me take you by the hand and lead you.  
Accept my love  
and trust that where I will bring you,  
the deepest desires of your heart will be fulfilled."  
Lord, open my hands to receive your gift of love.*

AMEN!

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***May you know that God loves you this week.***  
*Rachael*