

Chaplain Reflection – June 30-July 6, 2025

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In Matthew 25, Jesus is teaching about what we often call the End Times. As part of that discourse, he tells a parable about sheep and goats; referring to those who will receive a reward in His final coming.

He tells those that were going to be rewarded the reason for that reward was because of things that they had done for Him. But if you look at the passage, it isn't religious things that they are doing and their motivation for doing them was not overtly religious. He tells them that they had done these things to Him. They are confused.

He replies in Matthew 25:37b-40 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

I have only been a chaplain for a year and a half. Over that time, I've had the opportunity to ride with several officers, be at some tough scenes, and pay better attention when I'm just around officers in public – and what I recognize is that so many of you offer yourselves in service to the "least of these" on a daily basis.

I've witnessed officers showing care to people who were distraught, on some of their worst days. I've witnessed officers treating people that others want to ignore or degrade with dignity. I've seen officers going the extra mile to make sure their fellow citizens were safe.

Many times the community isn't aware of these things; but I promise you that our Heavenly Father sees.

I'm thankful for you and your service to our community. I want you to know that there is a team of chaplains that are holding you in prayer and want to encourage and support you. If you ever need to contact us, maybe just for a confidential prayer. You can call or text **816-726-7729**

That number is manned by the chaplain on call – and when it comes to our phones, it comes from the number I just posted, so we don't have your number unless you want to give it to us.

May you be filled with peace as you fulfill your divine calling.

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