

# A Word on Wednesday from Pastor Tonia

## "Do You Know Who I Am?" 9/27/23

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1; 14)*

And God became a human, exchanging His royal robe for dusty sandals and a common tunic. Instead of being surrounded with worshipping angels, He came to work as a carpenter, to hang out with fishermen, to serve others. People could literally bump into Jesus along the road, in the town square, sit next to him at Temple or at the watering hole. He stepped down from His throne and was nailed up on a cross.

I think of the gag line, which probably isn't always a gag, when the clerk treats the star like any other customer and they say, "Do you know who I am?" We always think we're so special, and hopefully to someone we are, but really? We like to say everyone is equal, so why do some people think they are more equal than others?

We are in a time, not unlike other times in history, but this is the time in which we live. We are coming out of a pandemic. Things have been turned upside down. The wait time is longer, the line is longer, and yet our patience is not longer. Businesses are dealing with supply chain issues, lack of employees, lack of applicants. We place blame and think "if only," but no matter how much better we could run the world, things aren't moving at the speed we think they should.

We want to snap at the clerk and say, "Do you know who I am?" There's the rub, who am I? Why do I deserve better treatment than the next person, or why does that person get better treatment than I do? What a web. What would Jesus do? Apply for the job? Roll up His sleeves and help? Tell the frustrated clerk, "It's ok, I can wait." Work for an answer instead of adding more fuel to the fire by complaining and getting the clerk fired. What can we do to show God's love in a world where everything is trying to find its new place. There are wars, natural disasters, and power struggles which put my extra 20-minute wait to shame.

How can we be a part of the solution? Can we look at those who have lost homes, businesses, and loved ones to fires or floods and honestly say, "I know who you are. You are a child of God. How can I help?"

## **Please pray with me:**

Loving Lord, help us to reflect Your love to this world You so love. Remind us it is not about us, it is about You, it is about Your creation. Help us to be there for others. Give us patience while we wait and peace when things don't flow the way we think they should. Thank You for coming to us as a humble servant and help us follow suit.

**Amen.**