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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

MONTHLY FOCUS: MALAYSIA DAY (16TH SEPTEMBER)

SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

.....there is
rejoicing
among the
angels of God
over one
repentant
sinner.

(Luke 15:10)

The parable gives us a sense that everyone is important and that Jesus came to save EVERYONE. Now we understand why Jesus performed countless miracles on people who even least expected it, like the woman who was hemorrhaging or the man who was born blind. **The Great 'I AM' is in love with everyone.**

Sometimes we too lose friendships and family. Why, we even lose ourselves along the way. When we find a lost friend again or rectify a faltered friendship, it is like finding a hidden treasure. Remember that feeling of reconciliation with a lost friend? Because we are made in God's image and likeness, God feels like that way too when we find Him, especially when we have turned away for so long. The Father in the story of the Prodigal Son is overjoyed when his younger son returns home. Jesus tells us God is like that too. Imagine this scene, HE Himself comes halfway to meet us. What better reception of reconciliation can we ask for? **What better time to return to Him than Now?**

Often we forget that there are people out there who need our attention. The world may have shunned them and lost hope in them. We too have chosen to forget them. Jesus went out of His way to eat and drink with sinners, their lives would be altered forever. We can do the same in our journey. What joy it would give us to find that lost friend or the sinner who is hopelessly lost. There is a happy ending to those stories. Are there people in our lives whom we need to reconnect with? Then we can REJOICE; just like the woman who lost her precious coin or the man who found his lost sheep. More than this is how we make God feel, that He Himself is happy that there is a reconciliation and the expression of love; the same expression that God had in mind when He sent His Only Son to love us all. **To God everyone is important.** ✦

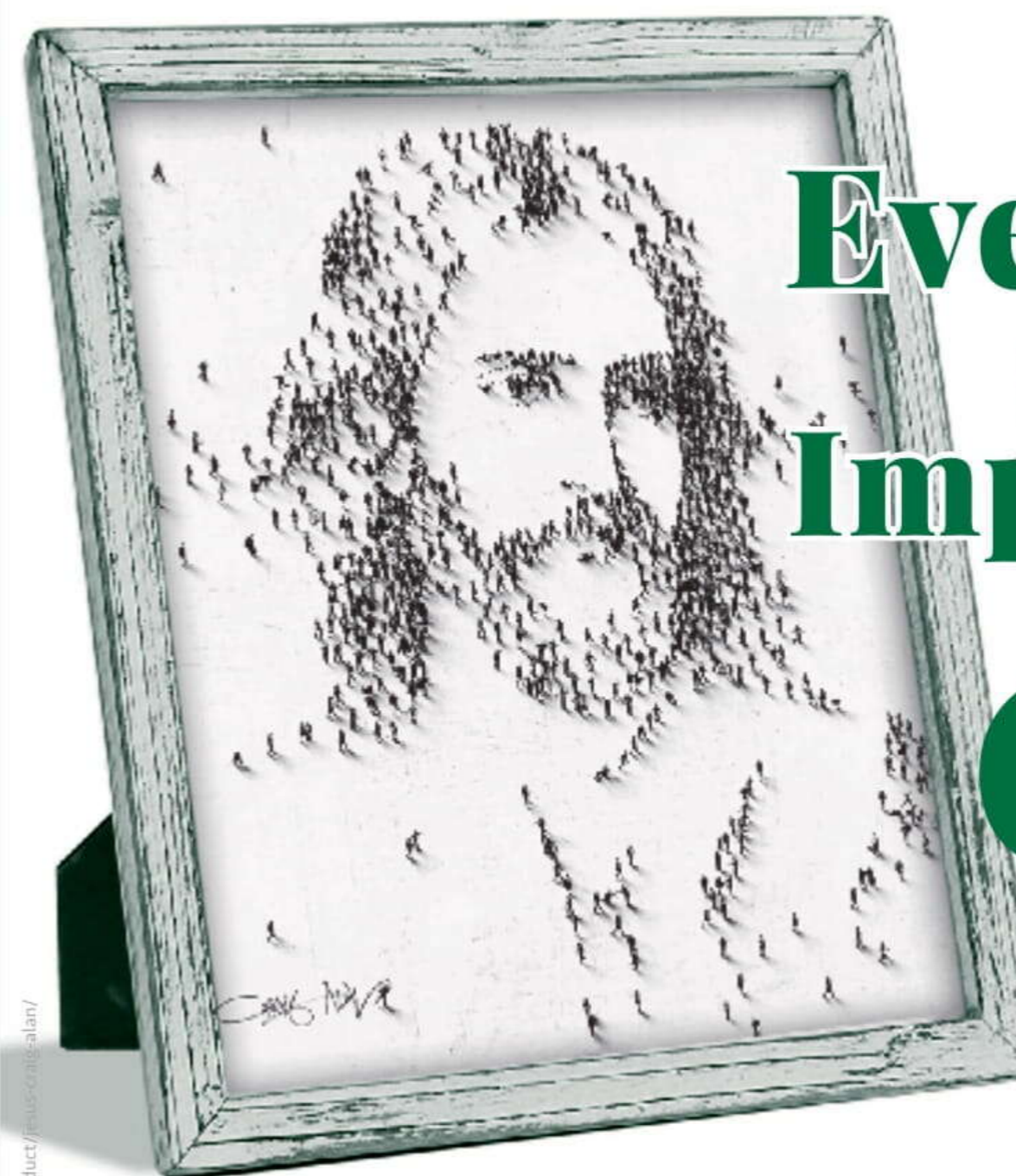
SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14;

Psalms 50: 3-4, 12-13,
17 & 19;

1 Timothy 1: 12-17;

Luke 15: 1-32 (or 1-10).



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The captivating story of the Prodigal Son presents us with a little glimpse of how God is like. God simply loves it when a sinner finds HIM. We are told there is so much rejoicing in Heaven when this happens. Imagine how God feels when we turn to Him in trust and faith and speak to Him everyday about our little lives, trivial as it may sometimes be.