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- What does this passage say about creation, the environment?
- What does this passage say about the relationship between creation, God, and humanity and how they connect at the "table?"

Monday July 31st

Ezekiel 46:14. What does repetition mean to devotion? How do we do the same things over and over without them losing meaning? (Think Lord's Prayer or Holy Communion)

Tuesday August 1st

Leviticus 5:11. These instructions contain grace for the poor. How does this balance for the need for sacrifice work with grace for necessary ingredients?

Wednesday August 2nd

Exodus 29:1-3. The ministers are consecrated with the offering of a perfect meal. It is another example of a holy moment of sacrifice to God that is connected to the best food.

Thursday August 3rd

Leviticus 23:15-17. This is the sacrifice of the "first fruits" where the best of the first are given to God. How often does God get the leftovers of our resources and our faith? What if we lived like the ancient Israelites did by giving God the best? What might that do for our relationships too?

Friday August 4th

Exodus 16:31. God provided manna for the people to eat. It is the best example from scripture of God providing in an every-day yet miraculous way. People were so thankful at first to receive the food. Then, they began to complain that it was the same every day. What elements of our faith have become so common that we take them for granted?

Saturday August 5th

Judges 14:8-9. Samson kills a lion with God's help and his bare hands. The bees make honey in the carcass but Samson doesn't tell his parents when he shares the honey. There's not a huge deeper meaning here, but it is interesting, and a little weird.

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

Family & Friends: Mary Hicks, Cheryl Herron, Lee McCarty, Maple Hill UMC, Sandy Grubb, Angela Bryan (Dawn McCarty's sister), Mark Thompson (Barbara's brother), Rex Townsend, Stan Enschede, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb's daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough's daughter)

Sympathies: Family of Jeanie Sweet (friend of Birdwells)

Homebound Members: Mary Hicks, Mary Schmidt, Jeanne Carman, Ginny Compton, Clara Ford, Carolyn Loos

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