

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou

One of my favorite verses is Philippians 1:6: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” The Philippian church was a construction area. These Christians were growing and maturing and were not yet what they someday would become.

The Chinese have a saying they often use about children to observe that, although they're growing, *a lot of growth yet remains*: “Shāobǐng hái méiyǒu shōu,” which means “The bread is not done yet.” *Shāobǐng*, also called *huoshao*, is a type of baked, unleavened, layered flatbread in Northern Chinese cuisine. The “bread” is a dough which the street vendor takes in his hand and lowers into an oven with extremely hot sides. He slaps that dough onto the side wall. It's a sort of pancake, pita-like fry bread.

Later, when the bread is done, he'll use tongs to get it out of the oven. And it's delicious. People clamor to eat it fresh off the oven wall. But the vendor will often say, “Shāobǐng hái méiyǒu shōu,” The bread isn't done yet.

Do you ever feel discouraged because you feel incomplete, or lacking in certain character traits or virtues? Do you wish you were stronger in some areas?

Do not worry. You are a work in progress. We all are. Think of Moses. His life work did not begin until he was 80 years old! That's when he and the Lord God had a little chat by a burning bush in the wilderness.

Like Moses, we're bread in the oven. We're cooking. We're feeling the heat. We are not yet what we will be.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, I am ready, even at my age, to be your servant for whatever you would have me to do. And if I am not ready, make me ready. In Jesus' name. Amen.

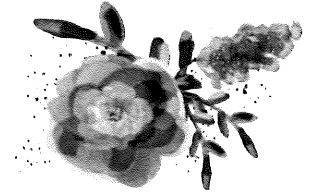
Blessings on Ascension Sunday!
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Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Luke 22-24
- Monday:** 2 Samuel 9-12
- Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 13-15
- Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Samuel 19-21
- Friday:** 2 Samuel 22-24
- Saturday:** Psalms 49-51

Word Jumble

Directions: Cross out the answer to each definition. Using the numbers, write the remaining words on the lines below. Some numbers may have more than one word. *For the answer, see Psalm 23:6.*



10	Dusk	T	W	I	L	I	G	H	T	D	W	E	L	L
13	Running beside each other	P	A	R	A	L	L	E	L	O	F	T	H	E
5	First book of the New Testament	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	F	O	L	L	O	W
8	Ocean that means peaceful	M	Y	L	I	F	E	P	A	C	I	F	I	C
15	Good News	F	O	R	E	V	E	R	G	O	S	P	E	L
6	He betrayed Jesus	M	E	A	L	L	T	H	E	J	U	D	A	S
1	He wrote many proverbs	S	U	R	E	L	Y	S	O	L	O	M	O	N
12	Where to find Boardwalk	H	O	U	S	E	M	O	N	O	P	O	L	Y
9	A noun is a person, place or this	A	N	D	I	W	I	L	L	T	H	I	N	G
3	He wrote many psalms	A	N	D	M	E	R	C	Y	D	A	V	I	D
11	Part of an atom	E	L	E	C	T	R	O	N	I	N	T	H	E
7	This doctor will operate on you	S	U	R	G	E	O	N	D	A	Y	S	O	F
2	The capital of Oregon	S	A	L	E	M	G	O	O	D	N	E	S	S
14	Medieval church	L	O	R	D	C	A	T	H	E	D	R	A	L
4	Where our laws are made	C	O	N	G	R	E	S	S	S	H	A	L	L

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

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10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____