A painting of a shepherd in a red robe leading a flock of sheep in a rural landscape. The shepherd is on the left, carrying a staff and a small dog on his shoulder. The sheep are in the foreground, and the background features several huts with conical roofs and mountains under a hazy sky.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 • Exodus 32:7-14
and Psalm 51:1-10 • 1 Timothy 1:12-17 • Luke 15:1-10

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Jeremiah 4:27

Hope
Andrea Pisano
South Doors of
Florence Baptistery
Florence, Italy



Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

Psalm 14:4



Memorial to Hungarian Forced Labor Captives after World War II -- Tomcsány Castle, Hungary

Your people ... have been quick to turn
aside from the way that I commanded
them; they have cast for themselves an
image of a calf, and have worshiped it ...

Exodus 32:7b, 8a

Filii Israel choreas ducunt coram vitulo



Children of Israel Dancing Around the Golden Calf -- Hortus Deliciarum, 1167

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my
secret heart.

Psalm 51:6

Study for Justice, Peace,
and Truth

Baciccio
Blanton Museum of Art
Austin, TX



Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within
me.

Psalm 51:10

Praying to the Holy Spirit
to Receive Wisdom

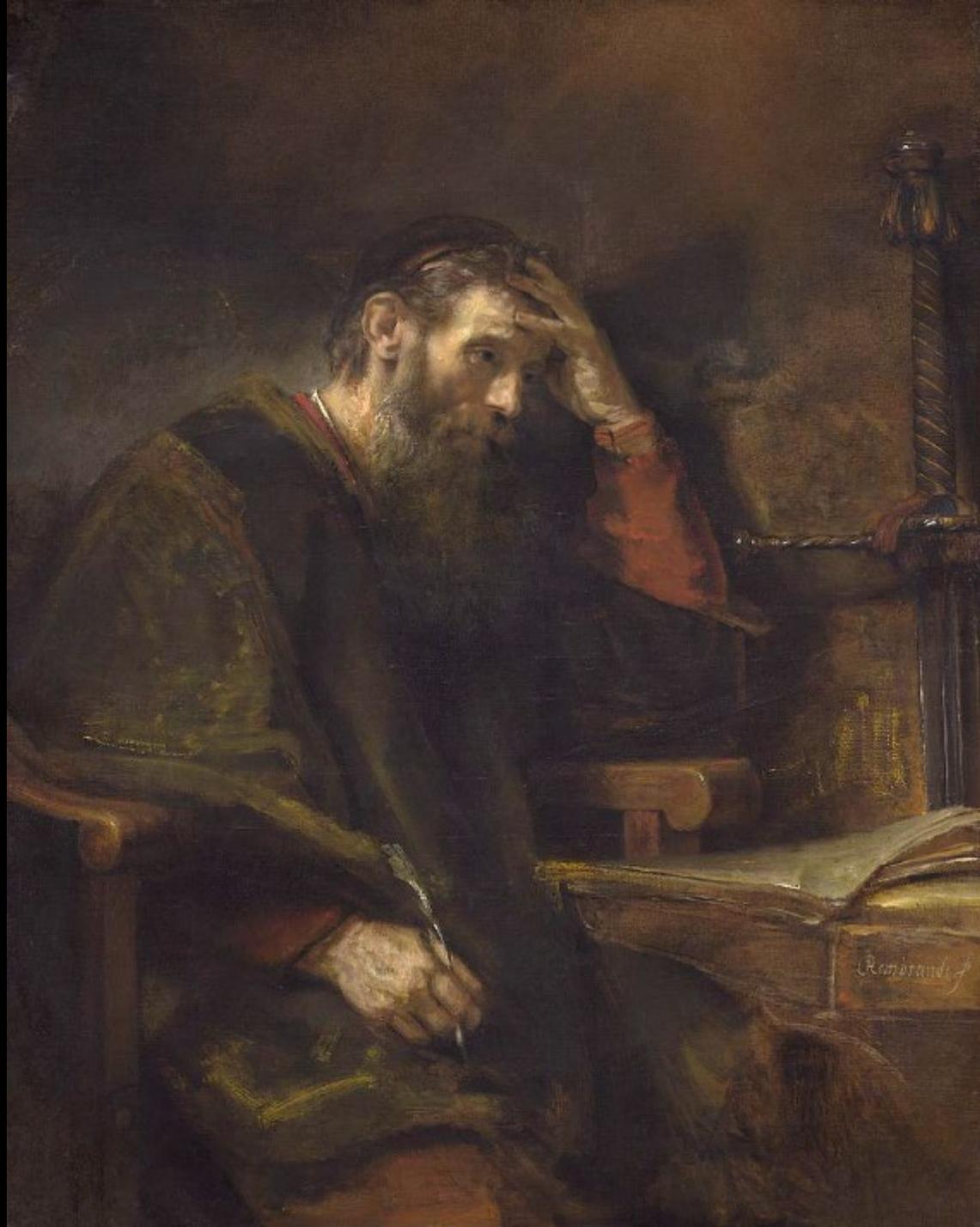
William Vrelant
Getty Museum
Los Angeles, CA



Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy ...

1 Timothy 1:15b, 16a

Apostle Paul
Rembrandt
National Gallery of Art
Washington, DC



... the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:2-3



The Pharisees Question Jesus -- James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Luke 15:4



The Good Shepherd -- Henry O. Tanner, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers, NY

When he has found it, he lays it
on his shoulders and rejoices.

Luke 15:5

The Good Shepherd

Lucas Cranach
Anger Museum
Erfurt, Germany



And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

Luke 15:6



The Good Shepherd -- JESUS MAFA

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:7

Christ, Forgive a
Penitent

Church of St. Mary
Geneva, IN



"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?"

Luke 15:8

Parable of the Lost Drachma

Domenico Fetti
Old Masters Gallery
Dresden, Germany



When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

Luke 15:9

The Lost Coin is
Found

Stained Glass



Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10



Celebration -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 1997

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