

Giving Tuesday: Theological and Biblical Orientations

▶ **Reset.**

- ▶ Scripture: The year of Jubilee, Leviticus 25.
- ▶ “Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” (25:9-10).
- ▶ Land returns to original owners, slaves are freed, debts are forgiven, fields lie fallow.
- ▶ Things get out of whack, out of balance, out of order. God proclaims a reset so that all can survive and thrive, including the land.

▶ **Freedom.**

- ▶ Scripture: The “bent” woman, Luke 13:1-17. “A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn’t stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your sickness.’ He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God” (11-13).
- ▶ Jesus sees beyond—and releases us from—social expectations.
- ▶ Instead of feeling pressured to “buy,” we are free to invest in what matters to us.

▶ **Enough.**

- ▶ Scripture: Feeding five thousand, John 6:1-14. “When they had plenty to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted.’ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten” (12-13).
- ▶ Recognizing that we have enough can be a way to prompt concern for others.
- ▶ There is immense freedom in being able to say, “I have enough.”