

Daily Devotion For October 8, 2022

“And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.” Matthew 24:4

As I mentioned in yesterday’s devotional, I have served on two jury’s. One was a criminal case in LA County and the other was a civil case in Orange County. In the criminal case, it was a gang related issue involving gang members with the Los Angeles Police Department. I remember that in the deliberating room, myself and another juror were voting guilty while the other 10 members voted innocent. I kept wondering, we all heard the same evidence, what did I miss that caused me and the other juror to think the accused was guilty.

While deliberating several of the jurors who were African American said, “you just don’t understand what it is like to live in South Central LA!” This was just on the heels of the Rodney King verdict and riots in 1992.

This week when I was on jury duty, the judge asked me if I would be swayed to change my vote do to peer pressure in the deliberating room. I was confident that I would not because of my jury experience in 1992.

Thought for Today: Are you swayed by other people in order to be liked, accepted or respected by them?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Let us keep Kiku Kuwatani in prayer for a quick and pain free recovery of her fractured ribs. Continue to pray for the many in our church family in need of God’s healing and comforting touch. Joyce Gota recovering from cataract surgery, Nancy Ichiuji, Bob McIntyre, Anne Bevier, Anne Kageyama, Tom Gunter, and God’s presence and comfort for Shirley Wong and the Yoshida family. Deo Volente