

Alternate Called to Prayer Activities
The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice

Chapter 1

Preparing for the Journey: Basic Information

Called to Prayer

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

—Matthew 5:17-20

- *Reflection:* How does this passage connect with St. Augustine’s saying, “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New?”
- *Meditation:* How do you imagine that Jesus looked when speaking this passage to the Pharisees? If you place yourself in this passage, how would he look at you?

Resolution: What would righteousness that is greater than the scribes and Pharisees look like in your life? Write down three ways that Jesus is calling you to live closer to his commandments.