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25-14"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.Then he went on his journey. 16The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 22"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'23"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
24"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28"'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

➢ **Read and re-read** – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➢ **Meditate -** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.	➢ **Pray -** Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➢ **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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The "thing" that when people 'have it' they are given more and when they 'don't have it' even the little they have is taken away is trust. people who have no trust in themselves, others or in life, end up losing 'even what they have'. Jesus assures those who trust, will end up gaining more. The basis of a good relationship with ourselves, God and others is trust. Jesus tells us there is no need to be afraid but to allow the light of God's love to shine on us all.

When are the times that you have hidden your talents because of fear or lack of trust in yourself and God's presence in you?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for Pope Leo and for all those who have made humanity more free, urging us to see life in positive terms and appreciate the gifts we have.

Lord forgive us as church people for giving the wrong impression of you making them believe you are a hard man. They are afraid to trust in you and do not recognise the talents you have given them but bury them in a big hole.

Lord trust is the most precious of your gifts which enables us to have good relationships with ourselves, God and others. Help each of us to pass this gift on to all in Your name.