

Lectio Divina

- **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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September 24th 2017 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 20 : 1-16

In this week's gospel we see Jesus comparing the Kingdom of heaven to a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. In the landowners second response "Have I no right to do what I like with my own" we grasp that envy is closely linked to possessiveness. We see that someone can love us deeply and yet can be close to others in ways they are not close to us. By making the journey from 'God as hirer' to 'God as friend' or 'God as lover' we discover the wonder of love, human and divine. When were the times in your lives that you felt aggrieved at your lot in life: you felt hard done by, felt you did not get what you deserved? Who were the people who showed you they understood how you felt through their compassion and non judgement as Jesus did?

Prayer:

Thank you for the people in our lives who taught us that true love is always generous and helped us move beyond possessiveness and envy.

Forgive us for the times we grumble at you for the way you share out your blessings, comparing ourselves with others who we feel have things much easier.

Help us to Lord to be the presence of Jesus in the world responding to situations as they present themselves as he did not trying to please everyone but careful to be just at all times.

