

October 2nd 2022 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 17: 5 - 10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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In this gospel we have two distinct sections, a teaching on Faith and a parable on humble service. When Jesus was asked by his disciples to increase their faith he told them that all they need is for their faith to be the size of a mustard seed to be able to do great things in his name.

What type of seeds are we planting in the heads of our children? Are we teaching them that the deepest reality in life is profit rather than human relationships based on care, understanding and love? Economics is quantifiable and love is not.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who bring your love and compassion to all without fuss, knowing that you rejoice with them in all the good in this world

Forgive us Lord for the times when we turn our prayer life into bargaining with you rather than being grateful to you for your blessings and care for us at all times even when we doubt you.

Help us Lord to not to pamper our children giving them the illusion that in life we get quick rewards for our efforts. Let us challenge them as Jesus challenged us that if we want to do anything worthwhile in life, including being good parents, we must be ready to work hard and believe that Jesus is there helping us all.

