

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time©
January 19-20, 2019

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

- Do what whatever he tells you!
- Oh, Mary if having faith was just this easy! But we do not like being told what to do and for most of us knowing what Jesus wants us to do is difficult. Mostly because there is so much competition for our limited time and attention...
- While faith has many definitions and many component parts, for followers of Jesus Christ at its roots faith is a relationship. It is a relationship with God that is most fruitfully and most intimately established in and through Jesus Christ.
- Like any relationship the first step is attraction. Does the object of attraction draw us closer to them by making us laugh or sharing a similar hobby or skill? Are we attracted to others because they are joyful and generous? Do they have what we are looking for in a relationship?
- As our relationship grows we discover each other's likes and dislikes. We find ways to spend time together... we find our unique way of communicating and once our relationship becomes grounded in holy love, we find ways to challenge one another to be the best versions of our selves that we can be.
- Once God in the flesh reveals himself to us, once we open our eyes to the truth that Jesus Christ is unconditional love in the flesh, once we discover that Jesus gives his all so that we can have life in abundance...we cannot help but be attracted to Him. Indeed, as St Augustine observes, our hearts are restless until they rest in God...Our hearts are restless as we try to fill our lives with the passing and fickle attractions of this world and as we look for love in all the wrong places.
- Despite having to compete with so many other things; with so much worldly noise, Jesus keeps calling out to us. He calls us in moments of calm and in times of great crises. He calls us when we are full of ourselves and he calls us when we are so wounded we cannot stand ourselves...Jesus reaches out to us in whatever way we need to attract us to the only One who can fulfill our innate desire for unconditional love.

- Even a tepid relationship with God, even a confused relationship with Jesus when examined begins to change our hearts and to change our lives. Our relationship with God stagnates if we allow ourselves to see Jesus as one of many friends. For our relationship with God to grow Jesus cannot simply cannot simply be one of many but must be first among all others...in the most sacred sense Jesus must be our best friend forever. Committing ourselves to this relationship means that we soon discover that Jesus is never outdone in generosity, in mercy, or love.
- Having Jesus as our best friend means that we know that He and His Father will always have our best interest in mind. Having Jesus as our best friend means that in very circumstance we have a friend whose love is directed to ensuring our eternal wellbeing. Having such and intimate relationship with Jesus means that there will indeed be times when we will need to do whatever he tells us.
- Becoming intimate friends with Jesus, having come to know him and allowing him to come to know us we do not bristle we are not reluctant to do whatever he tells us. Our intimacy with Jesus makes it possible for us to see that what Jesus tells us to do is always going to be in our best interest, is always going to be at the service of making us the best version of our selves we can be. Heeding what our friend Jesus asks us to do means we share in the kingdom of God here and now and with blessed assurance prepare to share in His kingdom forever.
- So, if we desire to know what Jesus is telling us to do, if we desire to be so close to Jesus that we can see the path of holiness in and through his light there is only one thing we need do....Befriend Jesus...speak to him every day, spend time with him in prayer, adoration, and at Mass. Allow him to help us with our burdens and to heal us through the sacrament of reconciliation. Look for him in the faces of those we serve and those who seek our help.
- When Mary tells the stewards to do whatever Jesus tells them she was not simply speaking about filling the jars. No Mary knew the key to joy, the key to wholeness of life, the key to unconditional love was to be in humble and docile relationship with Jesus Christ. She knew that doing whatever Jesus tells us would allow us to experience a glimpse now and to share for eternity in His kingdom of love.
- So for many reasons it is indeed good to do whatever He(Jesus) tells us to do...(: