



Weekly Wednesday Homily

1 July 2020

Readings: Amos 5:1-15, 21-24, Psalm 50:7-15, Gospel Reading: Matthew 8: 28-34

Dearest friends

I recently discovered that I really enjoy writing. I like composing material for others to read based on the knowledge that I have acquired through many platforms. Platforms not only pertaining to Biblical information but also through music lyrics, watching a cooking show, breathing the crisp air in the mornings, movies and especially learning about history which you have probably noticed.

I especially enjoy hearing the stories of people, their history, their accomplishments and their hardships, it is mainly through these hardships people seem to conclude, “If that didn’t happen and if it wasn’t for the Lord, I don’t know where I would have been.” We all have such a story in our personal lives, “If it wasn’t for the Lord... . If I didn’t know Jesus... If I didn’t call upon the name of the Lord... It was only through God’s grace that I could’ve escaped that specific ordeal.”

Although different hardships, the same sentiments apply. People of different races and cultures have this sentiment when they have overcome that thing which they thought would ultimately kill them. The most intimate questions lead to the most honest and sometimes liberating answers, “How did you feel when it happened?” “I was hurt, scared, petrified but you know what God helped me through it.”

I can only imagine what the disciples had to say when they were asked, how did you manage to follow him?

“You will never believe it! This one time we followed Jesus onto a boat. He had been working that whole day, touching lepers, healing Simon’s mother in law, healing the Centurions servant far off, answering questions and telling people, he doesn’t have a place to rest his head. And then he got onto this boat and we decided to follow him again. While we were on the water this massive gale wind came up and the boat was filling up with water. Naturally we were scared, and you know although I’m a fisher man, that was the day I was afraid of the Sea. I had never seen anything like it.

“Can you believe that Jesus was sleeping? I mean I know he was tired but we woke him up immediately because we were all going to perish and it seemed like he didn’t notice that we were in real danger. He asked us why we were afraid and of course we didn’t understand his question because who wouldn’t be afraid? I was scared for my life!

“And then the most amazing thing happened, he spoke to the winds and the sea and there was dead calm. If it were not for Jesus that day, I would have surely perished.”

Friends, the answers to questions about the rocky sees in your life will make for an impeccable story and an extraordinary testimony! It is because of this story that many can turn to God when faced with a rocky see, knowing that just as Jesus did for the disciples, so he will do for them.

Your story can save someone else’s life. The sentence, “Jesus calmed the storm,” is at times the only antidote that we will ever need.

God bless you.

“O Christ, whose voice the waters heard

And hushed their raging at thy word,

Who walkedst on the foaming deep,

And calm amid the storm didst sleep:

O hear us when we cry to thee

For those in peril on the sea”

W. Whiting