

Our Household Church: June 26, 2022

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Today's Gospel is from **Luke 9:51-62**. For the complete Readings [click here](#).

Each of the Readings can be read or simply you can choose the Gospel by itself.

WHILE SOMEONE READS THE SCRIPTURE(S), LISTEN WELL. BE AWARE OF THE IMAGE(S) BEING PAINTED, OR THE STORY BEING TOLD. DOES THE STORY OR THE IMAGE CALL TO MIND? IS ANYTHING SIMILAR IN YOUR OWN LIFE OR EXPERIENCE? FEEL FREE TO SHARE THAT IMAGE OR EXPERIENCE IN THE GATHERING. After reading, share your impressions with each other:

- ✓ When you are at a busy intersection and the traffic light is changing. Do you gun it, or stop?
- ✓ When it is midnight and there is no other moving vehicle or pedestrian in sight, and the same light is red, do you stop? Why/Why not?
- ✓ In the two scenarios, what "freedom" is given by the light?
- ✓ What "restriction" is given by the light?

Paul puts this out for us: **...if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law**

- ✓ In the traffic light scenario, are we "under law," or "free of the law?"

Paul continues: **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'**. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another

- ✓ When have you been able to move from judgement to at least tolerance of some who is difficult to be with? How did you get "there?"

- ✓ When have you been **consumed by one another** by another person or situation, when the brakes just did not, could not, would not catch?

- ✓ When we get sucked into the negativity, like the disciples (wanting to destroy the offending village) in Luke, and then Jesus gets down on them, and then they get miffed or hurt by his rebuff...chide...! How do we get out of that self and other loathing spiral downward?

- ✓ How do we get it to reverse?

✓ The positive fruit of finding our way out of the morass of judgement and derision of others, is symbolized by the 1st Reading. Elijah had been "stuffed" by the Living God more than once in his life as a prophet. But he was still the Prophet of God. The time has come to pass the mantel, literally!

- ✓ From whom have you had a "mantel of leadership" to continue to offer witness (for what)?

- ✓ Does the mantel fit? How does your humanity support/undermine your action expected?

- ✓ How can a responsibility be a "freedom" one moment and an "unbearable burden" another?

- ✓ What role does the Spirit play with that freedom?

SHARING THE FEAST

Share a meal as your feast, or, at least, a loaf of bread (rice-cakes, chapati, naan, pita, tortilla, oatcakes, sweet bread, baguette, etc.) and a glass/cup (or individual glasses) of (wine, water, cider, grape juice). The bread and the beverage are passed to one another. Each person serving the individual next to him or her

2: We are all invited to the common table to share in this Agape Feast.

1: At this table we come as brothers and sisters in the Holy Family of God.

2: Taste and see that God is good.

(at the conclusion of each one drinking and eating)

1: As we share this bread we thank You, God, for our daily bread - for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us as [a family, friends, coworkers, Franciscans, etc.].

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Leader: We thank You, too, for rain, brooks and rivers which are filled with water to cleanse us and to quench our thirst and the thirsty Land. This represents our yearning for the Living Water with which You surprise, enrich and transform our lives. As we pour this (*water, wine*) we know our need for You and each other.

All: We give thanks for this feast at which we all can share, a foretaste of the Holy Realm. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

1: Living God, Loving Creator; You cherish Creation and: **All: We thank You.**

2: With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as Your children: **All: We praise You.**

1: With our lips, lives and diversity, each made in Your image: **All: We honor You.**

2: Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and joy: **All: We are humbled in You.**

1: The Spirit at work today: encouraging, enabling, surprising us: **All: You warm us.**

2: Poor as we are: **All: You give us hope.**

1: Salt of the earth, You give us meaning and purpose and **All: We praise You! Amen!**

All: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

(You may end by singing a song together.)