



XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Blessing of Knowing Where the Treasure Is Hidden

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

(Mathew 13:44)

A Christian should get up every morning saying to himself: “How blessed am I!” not because things are going well financially, or because his health is always excellent, or even because there are no difficulties in his family. Luck comes (or blessings come) from having faith; from knowing that God exists, and that God is not only the Creator and the Lord, but also the Father full of love – who loves us as we are.

We may think that faith doesn’t save us from difficulties, but that isn’t true. No matter how bad a situation is, it could always be worse without faith in God. Faith helps us not to lose all hope, to fight and not to give up. This is the only path to victory. If we didn’t have faith, we would still have the same problems, or even greater ones, but we would probably not have the strength that comes from God to face those problems.

That is why we must consider faith to be a blessing. And we must take care of this faith, so that it isn’t extinguished or become lukewarm; we must do anything not to lose it. For this, there is nothing better than prayer, since praying is to be in contact with God, the beginning and end of our faith. If we have doubts about faith, let’s not rack our brains looking for explanations. Instead, let’s pray more, go to communion more and become closer to the Lord.

Purpose: Be conscious of the blessing you have by having faith. Take care of this gift. Avoid putting yourself in situations that jeopardize it. Pray more and ask the Lord to increase your faith.

