

MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Forbearance is a determined and steadfast approach to achieving goals and solving problems and not pressurizing immediate results.

Job 9:1-12, 14-16

Job says to his taunting friends that God is wise in heart and mighty in strength and that he must beg God for what is due to him.

Be humble before God and seek His wisdom.

Psalms 88

**Daily I call upon on your Lord;
To you I stretch out my hands,
Will you work wonders for the dead?
Will the shades arise to give you thanks?**

Luke 9:57-62

This excerpt tells us about the response Jesus made to those who wished to follow him. It also tells about how he challenged them to remain resolute and faithful to their mission and surrender themselves in service. Someone in the crowd expressed his desire to follow Jesus and he was asked to count the cost. Jesus called others to follow him and they had various excuses and he challenged them to seize the opportunity to be involved in the kingdom.

Count the cost before you make choices and decisions. Don't get carried away with feelings and ideas of the moment..... Learn to prayerfully discern choices.

Seize the opportunity when it comes. There is tragedy in "unseized" moments. May God give us strength to make choices and decisions that will save us from the tragedy of "unseized" moments.

When you have come to know the urgency of getting out of a situation or into a situation, choose to do so now. Do not wait for tomorrow. Now is the moment of Grace...Now is the kingdom.

Make a clean break from all the binding forces for discipleship. Stay focused on the Lord and His purpose for you..... do not look back or get side-tracked..... stay focused... no turning back.

Saint of the day, October 2 - Guardian Angels and 11 other saints are remembered this day

Angels are mentioned many times in the Bible. They had a powerful presence in our history and in our heritage of faith. Each of them is God's messenger and in some way represents God's presence to the believer. Christians have always believed that every person has a guardian or protecting angel. This belief has its roots in the Hebrew culture and traditions.

The Jews were so impressed with God's individual/personal care that they believed that every blade of grass had a guardian angel. So, no one needs to fear for each one can say, "God cares for me. He has assigned me a guardian angel". The mission of the angel is to assist, guide and protect each person on his/her journey to God.

Remembrance of Guardian angels is a profound proclamation: God cares for me, personally as an individual and not just another person in the crowd.

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