

MORNING MEDITATION

Thursday, Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time

**If we try to be little more forbearing with ourselves or with others,
we will discover how forbearing God is with us.**

I Corinthians 3:18-23

Paul taught the Corinthians that the Church was the temple of God. He taught them again that comparisons, competitions, and divisions destroy this temple and that the Church's greatest weakness was its divisions. In this excerpt, he describes the root cause of this division in the Church as the worship of worldly wisdom with which the Corinthians assessed the worth of different teachers and preachers. It was this intellectual pride that caused the breakdown. So, Paul says that the wisest thing for a man would be to become humble enough to learn... "let him become a fool that he may become wise".

Psalm 24

**The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus got into the boat belonging to Simon and began to teach.

**Make your 'boat' available, whatever the "boat" may be in your life - OR may be,
"surrender your boat" for proclaiming goodness and truth and love.**

Jesus asked Peter to move his boat a little distance from the shore - move from familiar, shallow, and safe grounds.....Jesus said to peter, put out into the deep water for a catch.

Try harder, go deeper, take another approach...

Peter said to Jesus, "leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man". Peter recognized his own limitations and incompleteness in the presence of someone so great and wonderful. But then came the call: "come with me...I will make you different". Peter began to

experience a transformation of his life in response to the call of Jesus.

Saint of the Day, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta and 15 other saints are remembered this day

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, North Macedonia. She was called by God to serve the poor and marginalized of the world. In 1928, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu of Macedonia joined the Sisters of Loreto, a missionary and teaching order as a postulant. From 1929 to 1937, Agnes lived in the convent in Darjeeling, India until she professed her final vows. Agnes was given the name Teresa in honor of St. Teresa of Lisieux. For the next 15 years she taught geography and history in a Catholic girl's school in Calcutta.

In 1946, while she was on the train traveling to a retreat in Darjeeling, she heard a call from the Lord to leave the Sisters of Loreto and establish a new order in which she would bring Him to the "poorest of the poor." Mother Teresa followed His call, and in 1950, the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially erected as a religious institute for the Diocese of Calcutta. She cared for the untouchables, those who were sick and dying on the streets. She showed them God's love through her compassionate and loving care. Throughout the rest of her life, she followed Jesus to countries all over the world. She established orphanages, AIDS hospices, and charity centers. By 1997, her members numbered nearly 4,000 in 600 foundations and 123 countries. She died in Calcutta on September 5, 1997. Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016.

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