

Gospel 11 July 2021. Cycle B

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

BLESS MY SOUL THE LORD



I HOPE IN YOU

AMBIENCE

Your time, my time Lord. I need to remain and meet you. You are experience, visitation and room to grow. Set aside for a moment the concerns that disturbs myself, my ability to be and to think, to continue transforming my life into alive and deep bonds and encounters, to stop, look and welcome the everyday circumstances ..., but above all people from my immediate environment and to extend my hands as You teach us today and now.

SONG

Here I am, you called me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TzknZmklmo>

GOSPEL - Mark 6, 7

"Calling the Twelve to Him, He began to send them two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were the instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff- no bread, no bag, no money in your belts, Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them". They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them."

Deepening the Gospel:

Here are the Twelve at the beginning of their missionary action: without any doubt, Jesus had conceived the project of sending them, since, from the third chapter of his Gospel, Mark tells us that Jesus had chosen them with that intention: «Jesus climbs the mountain and calls those he wanted. They came to Him and Jesus established twelve of them to be with Him and to send them out to preach with the power to cast out demons. In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus sends them, bestowing on them the power to cast out demons. «Jesus calls the Twelve and sends them for first time, He gives them power over the evil spirits. » At the same time, He gives them three commands: To go two by two, not to carry more than what is needed, and not to be impressed by the unavoidable persecution.

First, to go two by two: this seems to be a common practice in Jesus. Mark gives us some examples: to prepare for the entry into Jerusalem: «Jesus sends two of his disciples and tells them: 'Go to the next town ... you will find a tied donkey there ...The same to prepare the Passover: « Jesus sends two of his disciples and tells them: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you...». It may be that in this way of proceeding there is a sign of the Jewish custom according to which a testimony was not valid until it is testified by at least two witnesses: (Dt .19:15). Evangelization is also a matter of witnessing; it is not an individual matter. Peter and John also go together to the Temple in Jerusalem (Acts 1); Paul and Barnabas form a team in Syria and Asia Minor (Acts 13-15); after the separation, Paul continues the mission with Silas (Acts 16-17). Second, take nothing more than what is strictly necessary: their only instruments should be

those needed to go to the mission. Hearing this command, the apostles probably evoked the exodus of their Fathers in faith, on the night of the famous Passover, “the belt on the kidneys, the sandals on the feet, the staff in the hand. »

Third command given by Jesus: do not be impressed by the inevitable persecution. According to Mark's Gospel, the apostles have just witnessed the failure of Jesus in Nazareth (6, 1-6).

It is as if persecution were always the lot of preachers and prophets: the first reading gives us a clear example with Amos, dispatched from where he was after a few months of preaching. Stiff neck? »Hardened heart? For these bad reasons, Jesus was crucified and afterwards, many others martyred.

Fortunately, the apostles did not find only hostility and hardened hearts. The proof? The irresistible growth of Christian communities after the Resurrection of Christ.

Keys for prayer:

1. Visualize the scene, sit down close to the disciples. Do you feel called by Jesus?
2. What is he calling you for?
3. How do you live persecution as a result of following Him?

YOUR WILL, MY WILL LORD...

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Instrumental Catholic Music - Tobías Buteler

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAzwaC80zmI>

TWO BY TWO

The call is personal,
and you send us to a mission.
Walk two by two,
Together the journey is better.
You call us in small ways,
In the simplicity of the person.
Here I am Lord, tell me
where to walk...
you call and encourages us

to be strong and bold.
You call us to be creative in our daily life.
You call us to be with others,
without rejecting anyone.
You call us to smile with a gesture of hope.
You call us to serve everyone in everything.
You call us to build dreams together.
You call us to color the life.
You call us out claim for freedom
with our words and deeds.
You call us to build up everybody's home.
You call us to listen the tiny sounds.
You call us to be sisters in Christ.
You call us to live in
communion and fraternity.
You call us to be witnesses of hope
You call us to share our talents.
You call us to build peace.
You call me by name.
You count on me to build
attempts, possibilities, assurances.
And, what do I answer?
What my life witness?
I want to be a faithful answer,
like You and with You.
Faithful to your call in the street, in the house,
with the street dwellers, in the different places...
where histories of lives and events are created.
Keep calling me Lord
in the eternal now.

SONG: Hillson – Just let me say

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW00dK_Hxwk



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