



XIX Sunday of OT August 13, 2023 - Cycle A



IT'S ME



SETTING

In the silence I find you. Sometimes you have to distance yourself a bit from excessive noise. The one that deafens, attracts you, manipulates you to continue in it, ignoring timid voices that want to express themselves and approach you simply, timidly, without attracting much attention.

I want to listen to you and be able to get on your boat, without fear, without my fears.

Jesus, after dismissing the people, goes up the mountain to pray. Alone with the Father. Pray like you Lord, before, after or in full action.

Praying is a way of preparing for what is coming, every moment, every day. From that tune with you that inspires, makes you strong and accompanies you, I want to walk and look around me.

It is Him, to recognize him, in the storm, in the calm, in joy, in hard times. It's me, let's hear that voice in the next one.

Extend your hand to me so that I can extend it to everyone.

**SINGING. I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN - ENRIQUE DA
FONSECA AND PEDRO PABLO CELIS**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUanMDaN_3A

GOSPEL – Matthew 14, 22-33

“Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the people away. After saying goodbye, he went up the mountain alone to pray; at sunset he was alone there. The boat was already many stadia away from land, tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. And in the fourth watch of the night he came toward them, walking on the sea. The disciples, seeing him walking on the sea, were disturbed and said: "It is a ghost," and they began to shout out of fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying, "Cheer up! It's me; do not fear. Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to go to you on the water." "Come!" he told her. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water, going towards Jesus. But, seeing the violence of the wind, he was afraid and, as he began to sink, he cried out: "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus, stretching out his hand, grabbed him and said to him: "Man of little faith, why did you doubt?" They got into the boat and the wind died down. And those who were in the boat prostrated themselves before him saying: "Truly you are the Son of God."

We deepen the gospel

This episode takes place after the event of the multiplication of the loaves. The disciples have just picked up the twelve baskets of what was left, after the crowd had eaten their fill. And Matthew tells us that Jesus forced them to leave the place quickly. You can ask why; maybe there are two reasons to act like this: the first reason is the urgency of the mission. Right! But there may be something more serious. Matthew, in the episode of the temptation, (Mt 4, 1-11), tells us that Jesus had to resist the temptation of success, when the Tempter suggested that he change the stones into bread to calm his own hunger. But, this time, temptation loomed on the horizon: There, on the edge of the lake, after the impressive miracle of loaves to feed a crowd awesome, maybe Jesus he was afraid of giving in to the spectacular for himself and for his disciples.

Whatever it is, let's see what happens in the boat: "Tossed about by the waves, because the wind was against them." Then that voice is

heard as familiar and inimitable as any friendly voice. And the voice said: "Trust! It's me; Do not be afraid!" Words already heard other times. Words that appease Once the fear ceases, Peter jumps into the water: "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you walking on the waters." To which Jesus responds simply: "Come" And Pedro, incredible as it may seem, knew how to walk on water! Why did you look elsewhere?

Let's save the lesson, let's not look elsewhere. Peter had the only good reflex, he called Jesus and asked him for help: "Lord, save me!" "Quickly Jesus reached out his hand and seized him" and Peter found himself safe. But Jesus continues: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Finally, Jesus and Peter got into the boat and the wind died down and they all prostrated themselves before Jesus. In the voice of Jesus and in their gestures, they had just recognized the one who brings peace to the world. "Truly, you are the Son of God!" **There will still be in the lives of the disciples and in ours, other impulses, other denials, but it will suffice to say humbly "Lord, save me!" so that we may find his outstretched hand.**

clues for prayer

- How does Jesus react, on successive occasions, to the acclamation of the people?
- How do you experience the presence of Jesus in difficulty? Who do you look to in these cases?
- What do you feel called to after praying with the text?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC



SOUL GARDENER - JERRY PALMER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HcvDPH6xA0>

RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE

Meeting you
is the horizon
of my life.
Seeing you friend
in the other one.
Hear your word
coherent and sincere.
Touch your cross
in suffering,
in despair,
in the nonsense,
of so many that you walk
hardly.
Feeling you in the life
that happens next to me
in every moment.
Get closer to your boat
feel your hand,
grabbing it helps me
to get on your boat.
Go up means
horizon perspective.
go up means

walk like you
Go up means
feel your strength
to upload to others.
Go up means
have faith.
Go up means
walk with the eyes
from inside open.
Go up means
get wet and be
willing to struggle
go up means
walk with you
go up means
An us.
go up means
opt for life
dignified, ecological,
humane, fair,
engaged
with him today.
Do not be afraid!
It's me!

SINGING. CHEER UP! IT'S ME – AIN KAREM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7G3Qri81C74>

WITHOUT FEAR - CRISTÓBAL FONES, SJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJQDTUnRcU4>



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