

Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Feb 1st 2024

The Lord is my security

In their first mission journey, the apostles moved out in pairs to preach and heal. That's the mission we all share as disciples of Jesus. Imagine if each of us saw ourselves as commissioned by Jesus to bring peace and healing to the world!

The Word of God calls us to practice one single virtue: trust in the one who has called you, because he has placed tremendous trust in you. It is the trust that Jesus has in you and me that made him choose us for his mission. Let us not fail his trust.

Have you ever felt insecure at home because you thought your parents did not love you or your spouse did not value you? Have you ever felt rejected at work, at church, or in your community by those in authority? According to the Gospel, we should keep our money bags and personal kits, which give us a false sense of security, out of sight. Today, our securities can be people's appreciation, our social status, or our positions.

Jesus promises to equip us with all the necessary powers to heal and to fight against the forces of evil, as well as to preach the Word of God when we choose not to place our faith in our worldly securities.

There will be people who reject you at home, in the Church, in your workplace, or wherever you may be. Do not be disheartened. The Message version of the Bible gives the best expression as to how to respond to such rejections: "If you're not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don't make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way."

When we are out there, the Lord guarantees his constant accompaniment and that's all the security we need!

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