

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

- I had a bit of a personal revelation when I read these readings that I want to share with you.
 - I know God loves me – I know God wants to be part of my life
 - But I've come to the realization that F/S/HS each reveal that love in subtly different ways
- For example, in the 1st reading around 960 BC God calls Elijah aside
 - **The Father** tells him to wait and He will pass by
 - WIND/EARTHQUAKE/FIRE – Elijah waits
 - (My sons like ACTION, so they would've been all over these things)
 - BUT Elijah has a prophet's heart -
 - The Father is only recognized by Elijah in the tiny whispering sound
- 1000 years later, in the Gospel, **the Son**, JC, walks on water in midst of a storm
 - The same strong WIND the Father did NOT use to reveal Himself
 - Is exactly what JC DOES use
- The Father loved Elijah and becomes present in a whisper
- The Son loved his disciples and becomes present in a raging storm
- The HS will become present on Pentecost in tongues of fire on heads of Apostles
 - Again the same FIRE the Father did NOT use with Elijah
 - Is exactly what the HS uses at Pentecost
- How God comes is up to Him – what's important is to believe that He comes!
 - **NOTE THIS:**
 - Elijah was in a crisis – Jezebel was trying to kill him
 - God comes to him
 - Disciples were in a crisis – their boat was sinking in a storm
 - Jesus comes to them
 - Apostles on Pentecost were in a crisis – J had ascended – alone – now what
 - HS comes to them
- ***The truth is - God doesn't need a crisis to reveal Himself –***
 - ***But He'll use one to get our attention!***
- You know:
 - The message we usually get out this gospel is that as long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he was walking on water, but when he took them off of Jesus he sank.
 - The emphasis is on Peter's weak faith & that Peter needed to look at J
 - **That's true - But it's not about Peter – it's about Jesus**
 - Jesus comes in the midst of their need
 - When Jesus calms the storm, the disciple proclaim their faith
 - NB - The storm only stops when they invite J into their boat
 - *Have you invited Jesus into your boat?*
 - **In midst of our storms – God IS with us**
 - **How He comes is up to Him, but He comes.**
 - He does not abandon us – He wants to be in our lives
 - He may use an earthquake or a tiny whisper
 - However He comes, in faith we should be able to recognize Him
 - **Today we pray that we might be like Elijah and recognize His coming**
 - **AND then, like the disciples, invite Him into our boat**