

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B

- In the Spring I preached here at the 9 and the readings were about see
 1. The good seed fell on weedy ground, rocky ground and good ground
 2. I brought a prop – I told you about cooking butternut squash for supper
 1. I cleaned out the seeds and gung, threw it in the garbage
 2. Later I pulled out the seeds, planted, and brought a potted plant
 1. If God can do this with garbage, imagine what he can do with you!
 2. Well its harvest time – CHECK IT OUT! From my deck, a pot!
 3. **Clearly I am the best gardener EVER – I MUST be the best RIGHT?**
 1. *What I just did is exactly what the Apostles did in today's Gospel*
 2. They were arguing about which of them was the greatest
 1. Imagine Andrew; well I saw Him first, I was the one that brought Peter
 1. without me Peter would never even have met JC
 2. Imagine Peter – O yeah, well JC changed my name from Simon to Pete
 1. Peter means Rock and JC said, upon this rock I'll build my Ch
 3. Even Judas – wait a minute, JC lets me hold the money purse, I'm great
- **Look what Jesus does** – He hears them arguing – and He waits:
 - (Remember when you were little and your mother said “Wait till I get you home”
 - You knew what that meant)
 - After they reach Capernaum (J's home) AND after they were in the house – (closes door)
 - “What were you arguing about?” SILENCE
 - Think about this – 12 guys in Jesus' living room - SILENCE – Ashamed/Embarrassed
 - Jesus just taught them about His death & resurrection – they don't get it
 - They are so caught up in jealousy & ambition – IT GETS IN THE WAY

Watch this-

- James says “where jealousy and ambition exist disorder & every kind of foul practice exist”
 - “BUT wisdom from above is – pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, merciful”
 - “Without wisdom from above – conflict, disputes, war, murder envy quarreling & fights”

What is getting in the way of our hearing Jesus?

For Apostles it was Jealousy and Ambition – what vice is it for you - for us?

- So - JESUS SITS DOWN and calls the 12 (sitting is position of Rabbi, teaching as Rabbi)
 - He deals with their ambition
 - He doesn't crush their ambition – He doesn't abolish their ambition
 - He RECREATES their ambition
 - Ambition to rule is changed into ambition to serve

He can do the same for us with whatever is getting in the way of our hearing J.

BUT WE HAVE TO SIT AT HIS FEET

We need to spend time with Jesus – Private Prayer, Scripture, Reading

Just like the Apostles WE TOO have vices that get in the way

Just like the Apostles our vices can be converted to virtues

IF we spend time with Jesus

We think we need to be good – and we should be

Spending time with J can change us from being good people, to being good for people?

Spending time with J can recreate our vices into virtues

If He can use the seeds I pulled out of the garbage and produce squash

Just imagine what He can do with you, with me, with us – made in His image.