

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

PRAY

Once upon a time there was a little girl looking for a new puppy
Mom took her to animal shelters, puppy stores, more shelters
Every time she said none of the puppies were right – they weren't puppy size
Eventually her parents had enough – this is it, the last weekend
Again, shelter after shelter after shelter – they weren't puppy size. Until finally
At the last shelter, in the last cage, THIS IS IT. But it's the same size as the others.
Not size of the puppy it's the sighs of the puppy – when I held it, it sighed.
I asked Daddy what love is – he said it's the sigh of your heart. I sigh when you hug me.
Daddy sighs when you hug him. I wanted a puppy that loved me, and this one sighed.

- John the Baptist had many many followers. He kept saying ITS NOT ME
- When he sees JC he says THERE – BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD
- And Andrew, gets up and follows JC. Then brings Peter (gotta tell somebody)

John the Baptist was a prophet – What's the role of a prophet?

1. Bro Paul Feeney → Walter Brueggemann “Prophetic Imagination

We all hated the book – it was like pulling teeth to get through it.

BUT I REMEMBER IT

Role of the Prophet, to have a “Prophetic Imagination” is to see the evil that has been so ingrained in our society that we don't object to it, and imagining justice, speak against it.

JOHN saw sin – and called for repentance

If you're condemning the establishment, you're in for a rough life. (John was beheaded)

MOSES – Jews as slaves was the norm, the way it was (He could accept it or ...)

JERIMIAH – Sinful lifestyle, temple corruption was the norm (accept it or ...)

Still True

MARTIN L. KING – Segregation in America was the norm (accept it or ...)

MOTHER THERESA – Untouchables in India was the norm (accept it or ...)

2. Today we hear the Call of Samuel to be Prophet & Call of the Disciples

We have a call to “Prophetic Imagination” as well

In baptism we are anointed as PRIEST, PROPHET and KING

In midst of the largest prison population in US history:

A few years ago Gov. of Illinois commuted the death sentence of all those on death row.

Is he acting as Prophet? Was that “Prophetic Imagination” in action?

We have a prophetic mission to have a “Prophetic Imagination” to recognize injustice.

In our: Business Deals

Relationships

Government

Schools

Friends

Unemployed

Homeless

As we go forward, we have a job to do.

Like Samuel – listen to know the call

and respond.