

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

- EPH – “We have been chosen before the world began” Amazing.
 - Ordination Retreat “I have chosen you since Fitchburg”
 - Woman on the train station sees a sad dog in the crate.
 - Conductor ‘he chewed of his tag and he doesn’t know where he’s going’
 - Do we? God does EPH “we have been chosen before the world began”
 - What does JC do with his chosen 12? He sends them out.
 - JC sends the disciples out 2x2 – and they must go trusting God
 - No money No food Not even a 2nd tunic
 - Totally trusting God will provide
 - Once we receive God’s call – Once we’ve begun our life journey
 - Then we have to believe God’s with us (So what’s our call – what’s our mission?)
 - Just as glamorous as the 12
 - Our mission – Marriage, Single Life, Self-Employed, Working for another
 - Husband/Wife/Parent/Teacher/Student/Manager/Employee
 - Once we begin that walk – just like the 12, know that God is with you.
AND THEN be faithful to the call – nothing should divert us
Temptation Frustration Weakness Misunderstandings
 - Fidelity to our vocation means sharing our life, our gifts, our talents with those God puts in our path (Bundle of Sticks)
 - The 12 are expected to expel demons, anoint the sick, teach, preach – Grow the KofG
 - LISTEN - **WE** are called to be God’s instruments too
 - To expel demons from our families, our jobs, our neighborhood, our town
 - To visit the sick and imprisoned, to feed hungry, clothe naked, to Grow the KofG
 - When we are faithful – it leads to a clearer understanding of the call & God’s will
 - AMOS – expelled from sanctuary in Bethel by High Priest
As if he’d become a prophet for personal gain
AMOS “You think I wanted this? I was a dresser of Sycamores”
The Lord took me – **he heard the call and responded**
 - Amos wasn’t going to turn from God’s call to prophesy ‘happy prophecies’
 - There is a difference between “Good message” versus “True message”
 - What type of message do we want to hear?
 - What type of message are we willing to bring?
 - To the friend that drinks too much
 - To the co-worker that’s stealing from the company
 - To the friend who leaves his wife home and goes to the disco
- Jesus sent the disciples two by two – in faith, to grow their trust, to witness
(Remember – they come back & witness to each other’s success)
Amos went when he really didn’t want to and proclaimed the truth.
EPH says ‘We are predestined’ to what?
Glory – yes Heaven – yes Salvation – yes
To be prophets – yes To expel demons – yes To anoint sick – yes
To teach and preach and proclaim the KofG - yes