

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

- I am Dcn Frank T – St C Deacon for the last year, but not on SATURDAY
 - On SAT I served as a Prison Chaplain
 - BUT I've just left that job – and now I can be with you!
- When I was a boy my mother had long black hair
 - Every night she would brush it out – it was beautiful
 - Now I remember that because of the brush – long handle, stiff bristles
 - And when I was bad the hairbrush had a different function
 - “Go into your room and wait for me” and she'd go get the hairbrush
 - 2nd reading from Hebrews today talks about **discipline**
 - It uses the same word 5x
 - When God repeats Himself its worth noting - St Paul says:
“don't lose heart when disciplined”
“to what son is there whom his father has not disciplined”
“all discipline seems NOT a cause for joy, but pain YET later it brings forth fruits of righteousness to those trained by it”
- My mother wasn't spanking me to be mean
- My mother was spanking me to teach me right/wrong
BECAUSE she loved me (after spanking me SHE was crying)
- There was a time in Israel's history that the people stopped following LORD
 - The result was the Babylonian captivity (Isaiah is at the end of that)
 - Israel believed that the LORD was their God
 - God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob – God of Israel THEIR GOD
 - God has Isaiah teach them (after the discipline of captivity)
 - God will gather people of Tarshish, Put, Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan and ALL will come proclaiming glory, because HE LOVES THEM TOO
- Jesus does the same thing in the Gospel – people ask “will only a few be saved?”
 - JC answers, “if you're disciplined enough to enter thru the narrow gate:
EVERYONE can be saved – people will come from NSEW
 - They will ALL recline at the table of the Lord
 - I come to gather nations of every language; they shall see my glory”
 - BUT it requires discipline – only the narrow gate – JC – HE is the narrow gate
 - NSEW are all saved BECAUSE OF JESUS
- In life we will all experience discipline – and sometimes its actually from God
 - Rejoice! because as Hebrews says, God disciplines those whom he loves
As a loving Father disciplines his son
 - Just like my mother