

12th Sunday Ordinary Time B

- I want to tell you a true story about my family
- About 20 years ago my son was about 8, crashed his bike into a steel post
 - Sternum & heart
 - Mike was scared, we were scared – ambulance to Children’s Hospital
 - Terrified we were going to lose him, slept next to him – and we prayed.
 - Remember what Disciples said to Jesus? “Don’t you care we are perishing”
 - How many times, in trouble, we pray, and we feel nobody is listening?
 - That’s a bit how we felt but
 - Prayer calmed our fears and Mike got better
 - Remember what Jesus said to the disciples? “Don’t you have faith?”
 - Faith casts out fear
- A few years ago Ginni’s mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s
 - The disease took its toll, no cure
 - Gradually she got worse and worse and died
 - We prayed just as hard as with Mike’s bike accident
 - Prayer calmed our fears and helped us deal with her death
- Each of us has problems and we go to God for help
- The Gospel teaches us that
IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM GOD IS WITH US
- In the 1st reading God speaks to Job – OUT OF THE STORM
- In the Gospel, in the midst of the storm the disciples go to Jesus & He saves them.
- I don’t want to give the impression that the only time we go to God is during storm
 - **Every day**, we should pray
 - Every day**, we should spend time with God
- It’s because of our daily prayer, in good times, that we have a relationship with God
- It is because of that relationship that – in hard times – we *know* God is with us

Disciples spent time with Jesus every day, & when a storm came, they knew where to go
The same should be true for us

We should spend time with Jesus every day, so when we have problems
WE know where to go – confident in HIS love

God never abandons us

No matter how much we feel God’s absence – we are God’s children, His beloved.
& He will always be with us