

10th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Do you like a good fight? You may not like being in one, but ...

In today's readings were going to hear about fights and struggles – good v evil
and WE are the prize

In Gen – Adam & Eve sin – and now have to deal with God

In Cor – we have conflict between the seen and unseen – physical v spiritual

In Gospel – J Himself is accused of being the devil

Conflict – Struggle – Good v Evil – Sound familiar? Lots to learn today

GEN – Good v Evil – it all begins with Adam and Eve – They fall – then this happens

God comes into the Garden after the fall – Adam, where are you?

- Adam is hiding from Creator who comes to be with beloved.
- Imagine the pain on God's part
 - “I was naked and afraid so I hid” (FEAR – AFRAID OF WHAT – GOD?)
 - Who told you that you were naked? Why was being naked bad?
 - Now Adam is judging this is bad, that is good. (prior all was good)
 - ADAM BLAMES the WOMAN (or is he blaming God)
 - WOMAN BLAMES the snake
 - God turns to the snake and does 2 things – CONDEMNS & PROMISES
 - I'll put enmity between woman's offspring and yours
 - You'll strike His heel, but HE'll strike at your head
 - NB – between '**the woman's offspring**' NOT Eve by name
 - From Cross “**Woman** behold your Son” Mary is woman of GEN.
 - In GEN – we have both sin and mercy – the fullness of Redemption **so** →
- **PS130** “With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption”
- We count on this – We are in the struggle – We know good v evil all too well **Ps130**
 - “*Out of the depths I cry to you*” (*My life in midst of temptation*)
 - *Let your ears be attentive*
 - *If you mark our iniquities who can stand – **B U T***
 - *With you is found forgiveness – **OUR HOPE***
 - *I trust in the Lord – my soul trusts in His word*
 - *With the Lord is kindness – plenteous redemption – **OUR HOPE.***
 - In the midst of OUR struggle (my temptation, your temptation) Pray PS 130
 - Because - “With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption”.

GOSPEL

Jesus comes home and crowds continue to press upon Him (healing, teaching, ...)

Chaos – so much so He can't even eat (Jewish mother takes over)

Trying to get him out “He's crazy, let him go”

Scribes – he's possessed – by the devil he casts out devils

JC – The devil wouldn't cast out the devil, be real (we're back at struggle)

Christians, if we join the battle with evil, we need brothers that'll have our back

- **That is why JC says** “My brothers and sisters are **HERE**”
- “Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother”
- **We are in the battle together – good vs evil – we need each other**
- **Our children need us, our friends – heck as employers, employees, as ...**
- **We need to identify with JC –**
- **Whoever does the will of my Father is with me - Join the struggle**