

21st Sunday Year B

- As a missionary I often look out for stories about other missionaries
 - I was reading a story about a boy from Korea
 - Maryknoll priests had gone to Korea and his family became Catholics
 - As he became a young man the idea of becoming a priest attracted him
 - The Maryknoll Fathers brought him to NY and he entered seminary
 - Last year he was ordained and sent to Peru as a missionary
 - So here you have a Korean priest, serving as a missionary in Peru
- When asked about his ministry He said that all he is, is “God’s chopstick”
 - He said “Chopsticks are very effective, but”
 - You need two chopsticks to get the job done
 - He was one chopstick in the hands of God
 - The other chopstick are the people that accompanied him on his life journey
 - From a child when Japan occupied Korea in WWII
 - Thru the trials of the Korean War
 - To the families migration to Seoul – and his admission into a Maryknoll school
 - He was one chopstick in the hands of God – all those who helped him on this journey of faith were the other
 - BUT – THEY WERE IN THE HANDS OF GOD
- In today’s Gospel Jesus has created a crisis of faith for His disciples
 - He’s said “unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood you do not have life within you’
 - Disciples say “this is a hard saying” – and they begin to leave
 - He turns to the Apostles and ask “Are you going to leave too?”
 - Peter replies “to whom shall we go? We believe you are the Christ, the Son of God”
 - Peter was one chopstick
 - James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, - each were one chopstick
 - & They were willing to put themselves into the hands of God
 - Into the hands of Jesus
 - Alone – they could do nothing
 - Together – with Jesus – they could accomplish amazing things
- The same is true of us -
 - Each one of us is God’s chopstick
 - Together – as church – we can be as powerful as the Apostles
 - Chopsticks in the hands of God
 - World will create problems for us
 - Devil will put doubt in our minds & fear in our hearts
 - Will we give up and walk away like so many disciples did?
 - To whom shall we go? Jesus has the words of everlasting life
 - But together – in the hands of God – we can grow KOG right here in NWD
 - Together – as church – let us proclaim what it is that we believe