

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C

My son is visiting from HOU – on his way to lake Winepesaukee.

He is on vacation like so many of us over the summer months.

When I saw him it reminded me of our vacations years ago

We brought suitcases

- Clothes. Swim suits, Sneakers/crocks/flipflops sandals
- Cooler full of food
- Laptop computer
- Books
- Cash, and credit cards

We didn't go on vaca to get away from it all – WE BROUGHT IT WITH US

The Bible tells us that Jesus appointed seventy-two of his followers to proclaim KOG is at hand.

What does Jesus tell them to bring for the journey? NOTHING – no money, no extra sandals, nothing!

So they go – proclaiming the message (Blind see, Lame walk, Deaf hear even Demons flee!)

- They return raving about healings they were able to do and that EVEN Demons fled!
- Jesus corrects them “Don’t rejoice because spirits submitted to you” (wasn't the point)  
**“Rejoice because your names are written in heaven”**

**Did anyone hear the message? Did anyone repent?**

**KOG is at hand – JC is going to the cross to win redemption**

**The KOG really IS at hand – healing is nice, demons submitting is good but Jesus is bringing more – Freedom from sin, redemption - KOG**

- We are getting ready to celebrate Independence Day  
We celebrate our national Independence, Liberty & Freedom  
BUT - personal freedom comes from forgiveness of sin (HOW? Jesus)  
JC - “Rejoice because your names are written in heaven”  
A true INdendence day is only possible with Dependence on Jesus  
If true freedom comes from forgiveness of sin –  
**When was the last time you went to Confession?**  
What’s important in life is *the internal focus of our hearts*

On 4<sup>th</sup> of July we can celebrate true freedom – REJOICE – true freedom is ours

KOG is here, now, today in NWD

We can be forgiven

We have the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We can be truly free

And just like Jesus says – Our names can be written in heaven