

11th Sunday Ordinary Time C

Today we hear all about repentance

1. 2SAM - David is accused by Nathan and David seeks forgiveness
2. GAL – its not by the law we are saved, but thru Christ
3. LK – sinful woman seeks forgiveness **& gets it**

Isn't repentance great! Because it's by repenting, we receive mercy & forgiveness
And SALVATION comes through forgiveness of sin

Now then – I want to compare 3 kings, and teach you about forgiveness & repentance

Who was the 1st King of Israel (not David) SAUL
Why wasn't Saul, or one of his sons, the King? SAUL SINNED
Tell the story . . . Takes on the role of prophet before the battle
So Saul sinned and the kingdom is taken away –

Then comes David – & today's 1st reading:
You know the story . . . Uriah the Hittite etc
Nathan is telling King David that God is condemning him –
But we know David stays king and his son follows him. WHY? *David repents*

Who was king after David? SOLOMON
What happens to Solomon – great wealth, prosperity, wisdom
Tell the story . . .
Wives from foreign lands, bring worship of foreign gods – Solomon lets it happen
So – Solomon sins, and his kingdom fades away

Now watch this
Saul sins, loses the kingdom Solomon sins, loses the kingdom
Between them is David, who sins, but keeps the kingdom WHY?
David repents Saul never does Solomon never does
Only David repents – Only David receives mercy

We have a choice in life – God's justice or God's mercy
If we rely on the law of God, when we sin we are judged according to the law
If we rely on the love of God, when we sin we can call upon God's mercy
Mercy always trumps Justice (GAL)

We have another choice - to be forgiven AND we have a choice to forgive

What we learn in the gospel is to avoid sin – BUT NOT THE SINNER – J welcomes her!
We can be a source of their forgiveness
God's mercy is not for us to hoard, but to share

Who do we need to forgive? SEEK THEM OUT
Who do we need forgiveness from? REJOICE IN THE JOY OF REPENTANCE
Let us rejoice that WE have a God of mercy & give Him glory