

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time C

When I was in High School I was on the track team
I was not great – but I got some points for our team
My effort didn't win the day, I was part of the overall effort of the team – & we won.

As Christians WE are part of God's plan, God's "Grande Event".
We are called to re-create the world – in midst of good versus evil battle all round us.
We each have a role to play in this event. **(Corinthians uses the example of Body)**

What is your role? What is my role? **What do we each have to offer?**
Together each and every one of us has a role in God's Grande Plan.
Don't think your role is insignificant.
The Body of Christ needs every part, every person, to fulfill his or her role in the battle.

**Bp Malone – If you were arrested for being Christian
Would there enough evidence to convict you?**

Notice this in the Gospel:
"Jesus came to Nazareth – where he grew up"
"and went into the Synagogue as was his custom" its what He did – every Sabbath
He did same thing 'his custom'

"As is our custom", we come together here → into community (as the Body of Christ)
Each of us has different gifts and talents & together we are CHURCH

A Church building – **stones of granite, sandstone, iron, clay** – 1 building
Different strengths & weaknesses

Together we are living stones that make up the Body of Christ – the Church

Because of that – In our Prayer – as is OUR custom – we can say with Jesus:
"The spirit of the Lord is upon US
Because he has anointed US to bring glad tidings to the poor
He has sent US to proclaim liberty to the captives ..."

Go do it