

Daily Homily  
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It is so good to know that Jesus argued. It is also so good to know that Jesus did not always win every argument. It is good to know that Jesus sometimes grew frustrated or exasperated, “He sighed from the depth of his spirit...” It is also good to know that at the end of this particular argument, it did not tie up neatly and get all resolved. Actually, nothing was resolved. There was no conclusion. Jesus, he ends up walking away. He says, “No, I’m not going to give you a sign.” And he walks away.

When it comes to the spiritual life, we sometimes have to hear “No” from God. Especially if we are treating him as the Pharisees did... they were treating him again as a performer, a magician perhaps: Perform this action so that we can see how powerful you are – then, maybe, we will believe in you. Sometimes we can place Jesus in all sorts of roles that he is not meant to be in, like a butler who is there to do our bidding or a “yes-man” who is simply there to tell us what we want to hear. This isn’t Jesus at all. This isn’t Savior and God. If we put him in these roles expect a “No.”

In the spiritual life he is the one in whom we place our faith and our trust. He is the one in charge and in control – not us. He is the one who knows our requests and knows what to do, even before we ask him. Do we believe in him enough to let him take up this role in our life?