

Daily Homily
3 Week in Ordinary Time, Friday
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The Gospel today gives me and all of us a great deal of hope.

In a day when the loudest voice gets all the attention...

In a culture when the most outlandish ideologies go mainstream because of the most powerful or the most influential...

In a time when swooping actions and big decisions are made by those with the most authority...

all of this can make us feel like we have not control. All of this could make us feel somewhat useless.

Well in this little gathering, consider us among His disciples whom He is speaking to and explaining things in private.

When it comes to Jesus, who is God – King of the Universe, remember the opening prayer from last week, “who governs all things both in heaven and on earth,” when it comes to Him and his power, influence, and authority... our God works like the seed, quietly and gently and patiently, till it bears fruit and is ready for the harvest. Our God works like the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds but it grows quietly and gently and patiently till it bears fruit and the birds come to rest in its branches.

Quietly, gently, patiently – we may think that loud, outlandish, and swooping is the way to go, but not so. We may even question God, “Why can’t you be more to our liking – it seems that you are do nothing?” However, like the disciples in the Gospel, He is privately explaining to us today through this Gospel, that this is His approach, His tactic, His way. Look to the King of the Universe, to the one who governs all things both in heaven and on earth – quietly, gently, and patiently – in the end, this will prevail over what so many think is right these days, in our culture, in our times. This gives me hope.

While it would seem that those in the know, those in power today don’t have much control over this tactic. We do. We have control over quietly, gently, and patiently. We can do this. We can participate in this and persevere with this until we eventually see the fruits of our labor and the results of our active life in God.

So how are you quietly, gently, and patiently growing the fruit and efforts of God and His Kingdom to thrive in our days today?