

"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God."

Mk: 10:27

All things are possible for God. In the Scriptures, we have encountered this word numerous times. Job confesses in the midst of all his misfortunes, "I know that You can do all things and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted." Jeremiah was also able to declare while in captivity, "Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made heavens and earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you."

Out of their experience with God, they were able to proclaim that all things are possible for God. Later, we will see Mary, who will be conceived the Son of God, through the Holy Spirit. It is clearly humanly impossible, yet it came to be.

In our Gospel today, we shall hear these words from the mouth of Jesus, himself, "It is difficult to enter the kingdom of God, but with God nothing is impossible."

It is not enough to be just good. It is not enough to go to mass every Sunday. It is not enough to be generous. It is not enough to follow what is required of us. Jesus has set an example: the cross. It was humanly impossible to love those who had betrayed and left him. He even felt his Father abandoned him, and yet, from the cross, He uttered, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

What is it that keeps us from passing through the narrow gate, then? What are the unnecessary burdens that restrain us from loving others the way Christ loves us? It may seem impossible for us to let them go, but Jesus is inviting us to call for him. Jesus will be the one to remove it from you. Let us ask Jesus to remove our resentments, our grudges, our insecurities, fears, stereotypes, and wounds that prevent us from loving. Yes, it is difficult, but all things are possible for God.

Let us pray, Lord. Give us the grace to entrust to you our burdens. May we love more than what is required of us. May we be able to follow you until the calvary through Mary. Amen