

Wednesday Week 3 Ordinary Time Year II

Reflection

Being on Hold

It was the night of the inauguration of David's palace in Jerusalem. God spoke to Nathan. David's next project was to build a house for the ark of God. But God was not yet ready to have a home address on earth, and so He sent Nathan back to David to ask the king to wait: "You will not build me a house; I will make you famous and I will make you a house. Your son shall build a house for my name" (2 Samuel 7:4–17).

In reaction to the hostility around Him, Jesus defined His own family ties and decided to use stories in His teaching. By the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum, Jesus told the crowd the story of the farmer who scattered seeds in his field. He wasted some seeds, some were eaten by animals, some others germinated, some plants died, but some produced fruit for the harvest—thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold. The hope for harvest keeps farmers working (Mark 4:1–20).

In life, many things go on hold: your job, a phone call, your faith, and even relationships. It is healthy to accept the fact of being on hold. It is an opportunity for a second chance, a time to get things in order, and to delay the inevitable. Being on hold demands patience, especially when one is left waiting for a long time.

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