Reflection on the 12th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Year B

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Speak The End Result

Today's Gospel is a well-known passage, "Jesus Calms the Storm."

The disciples are on a boat during a storm, and Jeus is asleep. The disciples are terrified and wake Jesus up.

The disciples speak what is happening, we are dying in this storm. Jesus, on the other hand, wakes up and is not terrified and does not speak about dying. Notice, when Jesus speaks, He does not say what is currently happening (like the disciples).

Jesus speaks The End Result He wants to happen. He rebukes the wind, probably sternly telling it to, "Wind, Stop blowing!" and He says to the sea, "Sea, Quiet! Be Still!"

The disciples are amazed as they watch the wind and sea obey Jesus. Afterwards, Jesus asks them, "Why are you so frightened? **Are you still without faith?**"

To **speak with faith**, simply means to speak and to believe that what you speak will happen. We speak with faith when we speak the end result we want to happen. We don't complain about what the situation is, we speak what we want the situation to become.

When we **speak without faith**, we tend to speak what the situation in front of us IS, rather than speaking what we want it TO BE. When we whine and complain, we are **speaking without faith.**

We speak with faith naturally, without even thinking about it, and more often than we realize. If the children are fighting, you automatically turn and speak, "hey! Stop fighting, stop hitting each

other" and they stop. What would happen if you spoke without faith, if you just said, "hey, the children are fighting…" what would happen? The children would keep fighting.
If the dog is on the other side of the room, and you want to take it for a walk or play with it, you say, "come here dog" and it comes. If you wanted to speak without faith you would say, "hey, the dog is on the other side of the room…" and what would happen? The dog would stay on the other side of the room.

You might be thinking, sure we do that with simple things we can control, but we can't do that with nature or sickness or demons. Maybe you can't, BUT Jesus-in-you can. So, if you are facing something only Jesus can change, remember Jesus is in you through His Holy Spirit. In those cases simply say, "In the Name of Jesus (and now you are speaking on behalf of Jesus who is in you) Wind stop, sea be quiet, sickness leave, health and healing come."

Remember last week we said, "**whatever you say 'yes' to will grow in you.**" Speaking without faith is saying yes to the situation in front of you; there's a storm we are dying, the children are fighting, the dog is not here, my boss is so mean…" Speaking with faith is saying yes to the situation you want to happen in front of you; wind stop, sea be quiet, children stop fighting and be quiet, dog come here." **Whatever you speak yes to will grow in your life**…whether you speak with faith or without faith.
What situations (storms) are happening in your life that you want to be different? Take the situations in prayer, but instead of complaining about the way things are, speak the end result you want to happen. If it doesn't happen soon, don't get discouraged, even our own children don't always listen to us the first time. How many times have you had to repeat yourself to your

own children before they obeyed? If the end result doesn't happen soon, simply repeat more firmly the end result you want, until it happens. Whatever you speak will grow in your life, it's a principle. Speak the end result you want to happen.

For example, in the area of sickness you can speak: Pain, leave. Sickness go away. Health and healing come. Immune system do not be deceived in any manner. Every organ and tissue of my body, function properly in the perfection God intended you to function. Fear, worry, anxiety leave me now in Jesus Name. Peace, Love, Joy, come fill me in Jesus Name.