

Reflection on the Gospel for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, year B

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**Title: “Whatever you say Yes to, grows in you”**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives examples of what the Kingdom of God is like. It’s important to remember, when we hear the word Kingdom, we should think of Government and authority. The Kingdom of God is the government authority of God.

How does the Lordship, the authority of God grow in our life?

First the seed of Truth is scattered or sown. Someone speaks the Truth of God to you. The Truth is not a something but a someone, Jesus Christ. So, you hear or read of the Truth of God and that Truth enters your life.

We may consciously forget that Truth, but the Holy Spirit will bring back to our memory all that the Lord Jesus speaks, all of His Truth, which is Himself in our life. When the Holy Spirit brings to our mind Truth, then Christ is Truly Present as well as the Holy Spirit.

For example, let’s say someone tells you, “God loves you.” A simple statement of Truth. That sounds good so you accept it, and say Yes to it, like Mary, “yes, let it be unto me according to your word.” Yes, Let God’s Love for me be upon me as you

have said. And at that moment the Seed of Truth is sown in your life.

Now, something will happen in your life later on, perhaps some kind of suffering, and during this time the Holy Spirit will bring to your mind the Words of Truth, God Loves You. At this moment, the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus are truly present to you, to remind you and grow in you the truth of Gods love for you. And they await a response. Will you say yes to this truth again? Sometimes, another voice will come as well, another spirit. It may be a demonic spirit or a human spirit (our own or another's) that speaks challenging the truth statement in us, "IF God really loves you, then why would He let you or your loved one suffer in this way? This is not love. God doesn't really love you or care about you. If He did, He wouldn't let this happen, He would do something."

At this moment you have a choice. Which voice will you say Yes to? Which voice will you agree with? The kingdom of God, the authority of God is present in the Truth. If we say yes to the truth, God loves me in this moment, then the truth and authority of His love grows in me. If I say yes to the lie, that God doesn't love me, then the lie (the weed) will be sown in me and grow in me.

Just as the Holy Spirit reminds us of all that Christ (Truth) says, so too do demonic spirits try to remind us of lies that have been said to us, and especially lies we have believed in the past.

Whatever you say yes to, grows in you.

Think about different things you say yes to throughout the day. Truth. Compliments. Blessings. Curses? Lies? Gossip? Negative talk from others or negative self talk? Sickness? Sin? Darkness? Depression? Love. Hope. Faith. Holy Scripture. Love. Peace. Joy. Beauty.

Whatever you say yes to, grows in you.

This is how the kingdom of God grows within us, within others, within the church, and ultimately within our world.

Whatever we say yes to, grows in our life. Whatever we agree with grows in us.

Whatever we submit to grows in us. Whatever we consent to and surrender to grows in us. Whatever we do grows in us.

You and I can change what we allow to grow in our lives at any moment. What truth of God will you allow to grow in your life today? God loves you. Do you accept and believe this? If you believe it, declare it, and it will grow.