

TK.REFLECTIONS 25th SUNDAY YEAR A-2023:

NEVER TOO LATE.

Today's readings are touching so many things applicable to our daily lives in our present society.

The first reading (Isa.55:6-9) takes us through the most uplifting image of God's **generosity, compassionate, loving and forgiving**. He is telling us His ways are not our ways of judging.

The prophet was addressing God's people in **exile, they were stressed and depressed, they had lost everything even the love of God due to their sinful ways**. The prophet is encouraging them to take **heart it is not too late to return to God** He will **extend his mercy** towards them if they reform. This is good news to us today if God forgives us not because we are worthy rather it is due to his **mercy, kindness and generosity**. His mercy has no limit or boundary hence we must go for it. The invitation is there it is up to us to respond.

St. Paul (Phil.20:24-27) is responding looking forward to be with the Lord after his work in the vineyard.

The gospel leads us to a very controversial situation which can bring **rioting in today's labour offices and workers union demanding justice and equality with regards to time and working conditions**.

The vineyard owner humanly speaking seems to be **unfair** but wait a minute he **had contract with all these characters hence he was justified to pay them what they agreed**. He was **fair and right only that he was generous to the last group** that is why they complained. Come to think about complain could be positive in many ways. It helps us to **get things off our chest, it helps to sort thought and helps to get things done**. Counsellors, therapist, psychologist and Drs would not be able to help people if the people didn't complain!, politician would be jobless without complain of the people, friends, spouses wouldn't give **support and sympathy** if they didn't complain and let other person know how much they hurt.

Jesus parable is about **salvation**. **God is available at anytime to the person who responds to his invitation to be saved**. It is never too late

at all even the last minute, though not smart to await till the last minute, the **11th Hour!** St. Paul is telling us **now is the acceptable time,!** **Now is the day of salvation.** (11cor.6:2).

God doesn't work on **Merit system** but on **justice, compassion, kindness and Love.** He offers **redemption and salvation at any hour, season or place.**

We are called to Christ different times *in our life as we journey, no matter what stage we are, we have chance and we catered for,* **children(morning)youth(mid morning),young adults(midafternoon) adults and seniors in the evening Evening.**

All have duty and responsibility in the vine yard and playing a crucial role in vineyard.

Youth/teenager's bring your **enthusiasm, imagination, the energy you have it is impressive.**

Young Adults we need your ***Establishment of young families, ability, competence professionalism.***

Middle age-time to take a second look at life, seeing through the illusions of society, time to judge, mature and focus.

Senior years-Time to be at **peace, honest and contemplation in life.** Gathering all those experiences of joy, hardships and challenges. We need that wisdom **experience, guidance and direction** thus giving **grace and goodness in the vineyard.**

DO THE BEST ALWAYS IN THE VINEYARD THE PAYMENT IS GREAT: