

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 11th SUNDAY YEAR-B.2024:

PATIENCE IN SMALL THINGS:

The call for this eleventh Sunday of the ordinary time of the year, is to **have patience and trust**. The nature teaches us this by **demonstration on how a simple seed grows**. We cannot plant a seed and expect instant growth and fruits. This too applies to our spiritual matters. We must **accept and trust in God in our growth, He makes everything grow and give shelter with his protective care** as seen in first reading. The message given here by prophet Ezekiel is a message of **Hope and restoration**. All is not over of David's lineage despite the slavery in Babylon

The parable of the mustard seed in the gospel talks of **humble beginnings of the church and growth into God's kingdom**. These parables are encouraging the followers of Christ to have **patience and not to expect instant results**. Through the power of God the beginning might be **slow but the kingdom will grow like a mustard seed**. It is telling us we must not expect instant results.

We are in an **age of instant products of everything, instant tea, coffee, soup, photos, Facebook friendship even marriages!** We are getting tired of waiting, we are in a hurry of doing things **fast and fixing everything, we don't want to get tired of waiting**. The danger with this instant product of quick fix is **substandard end product which don't last at all thus making the quality to suffer** what a pity. Our age seem to, be an **age of push the button, turn and touch the button and the result happen without efforts!** **automatic doors, washing machines frozen food, microwaves, computers all these are products** of the modern technology which is running the

world into,uncontrolled limits letting it control and replace the human capability and power of growth like the seed.Am not against the modern technology but it is **taking control rather than us controlling.The push button mode will encourage minimum effort,less involvement.**Thus,luring us on the direction of **seeking the easy option thus forgetting the genuine growth in life.**

Some things in life don't need push button **building good character, relationship,growth of the children,overcoming sin and good relationship,**these requires **supervised growth and takes time but the end product will be great.**

The farmer wait with patience for the growth of seed,God **make it grow and bear fruits.We need cooperation,patience and trust.**we must let God control the situation.