

## **FR.TK.HOMILY 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY YEAR -B-2024**

### **THE JOSHUA MOMENT OF DECISION :**

When God created us,he could have made us like robots,thus having total control over us in all things.However God didn't do that,rather he gave us **freedom and power to make up our minds and choose**.After **life** the greatest gift we have is **freedom**.We have choice to **obey or disobey to do good or bad**.one fact is very clear,with freedom comes **responsibility and accountability in what we do**.In all what we do there are consequences of what you choose and decide to do,hence choose **wisely**.

In our first reading(Jos 24:1-2,15-17) it talks of the great decision making in our lives as we learn from the Israelites.They are being called to make up their mind as to whether they are going to **follow the foreigner gods of amorites,gods of their fathers culture or to follow one true God Yahweh**.Joshua though a leader,didn't impose on them what they should,they were free to make their own decisions this was a powerful call for them\****if serving Yahweh seems bad thing to you,today you must make up your mind whom you want to serve.As regards my family and I,we shall serve Yahweh*** \*The point is driven home,the choice and decision is up to them.This is what we **may call Joshua's moment**.

We all have to make such decision as far as our way of life is concerned,we have our **own moment which needs decisions to make**.when one or a family member is diagnosed with terminal illness,**loosing a loved one,loosing job,income,when marriage or vocation is on rocks or crisi or even a relationship is breaking,are we not called to make up our mind**.This is *our moment like Joshua*.

We are called today to look into which God we are to follow. Are we going to follow God's commandment or earthly materialism. St. Paul in the second reading is calling us to **sacrifice our pride, principal for the sake of peace and harmony (Eph 5:21-32)** call for **harmony, love and respect in the family the underlying factor is love not competition on gender issues.**

Finally the gospel (Jn 6:60-69) offers a Joshua moment to all of us. This is the **final call on the bread and wine, body and blood, my flesh.** which made the Jews to leave Jesus and go away how can he give us his flesh to eat and his blood! He shocks everyone and was left almost on his own. He is **calling for a decision and choice like Joshua now it is Jesus moment and needs our instant response today not tomorrow, \*What about you, do you want to go away too?** What is your response? We block Jesus from entering into our way of life thus blocking his **power of presence and Grace in and among us.** We must let Christ accompany us in all the moments of life, let us not make him a prisoner of the tabernacle, **receiving him there, adoring him there and leaving him there like a precious jewel** in a safe which is never worn at all. Welcome him wherever you go and in whatever you do and you will see miracles.

We see too **peters moment** which we should all imitate in our way of life by declaration **\*Lord to whom shall we go to, you have the message of eternal life and we believe and have to come to know that you are the HOLY ONE OF GOD, that was peters moment**  
**WHAT IS YOUR MOMENT TODAY.**

