

FR.TK REFLECTIONS 20th SUNDAY YEAR-A 2026

WHAT A FAITH:

During prophetic Isaiah time(Isa.56:1,6-7),his culture valued welcoming the visitors,strangers,alien or the immigrants.In Jesus time things are different there is mutual disdain and hatred and conflict with culture especially between the Jews and the gentiles.They could not see eye to eye.Jews believed God and heaven belonged to them only.Jesus grew in such a culture and it can be detected in today's gospel.

The gospel reading is puzzling today,it's, tone doesn't seem to match the Jesus we know, compassionate caring Christ seems to lose control of his faculties and seems to be overtaken by emotions.

Jesus **tired,irritated,and sad** had withdrawn to a non Jewish town where he hopes no one knows him or heard of him,this was impossible,he was famous and popular.He was *confronted by this nagging Syro-Phoenician Canaanite lady, who spoiled his vacation*,typically Jesus had no time for her and called her all sorts of names,remember she was not Jewish,she was a woman,she was not supposed to talk to a Jewish man.She had no right to ask for favor and this was put across to her by the response of Jesus.

She could have been upset by his answers **BUT she insisted and outpoured her needs and troubles**.Jesus in turn entered into a dialogue with him,**listened to her and gave in to her wishes**.The tension obvious was Loud and clear.It makes us think about different background,**culture,race, political affiliations** do they lead us to God or away from him.Dont we all need such **heroic people like this woman?** **She didn't care getting into good trouble hence she achieved what was important to her**.No wonder Jesus after the talk proclaimed **woman,how great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish(Mt.15:28)**.

Jesus went behold,culture,tradition,boundaries and it is our turn in our time now to follow Jesus path which is the way of **love and compassion**.

He is teaching us to be **persistence, patience and not giving up.**

*We are being told to be **humble and break the barriers and walls of hatred and build the bridges of understanding and love.**He is calling you and me today to bring down those curtain and **rid the world of hatred and fear by bringing acceptance.**Faith will definitely help us to get rid of the **stigma of anti social, selfishness and hatred caste.***

It is only when we accept others as Gods creation that we will be able to breakdown those bad effects which has affected our world negatively.

The church is charged with bringing those curtains down and bring good news to all nations, culture, races, all hearts, souls and life to all creatures. You and I are part and parcel of that mission. ***by baptism, we don't simply belong to the church but we are the church and the church is a missionary by nature. Society without Christ obvious is confused and empty.***

We need to take the people as they are but we don't have to leave them that way. The lord is calling all, of us **not only to have and keep faith but to spread it by what we do and say.**

WE MUST SHARE CHRIST AT ALL TIMES!.

NB: Fr's. Innocentus Wambua/Thomas Kyallo(TK). would like to thank all of you for your prayers and good wishes as they continue celebrating their 41 priesthood anniversary. BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!