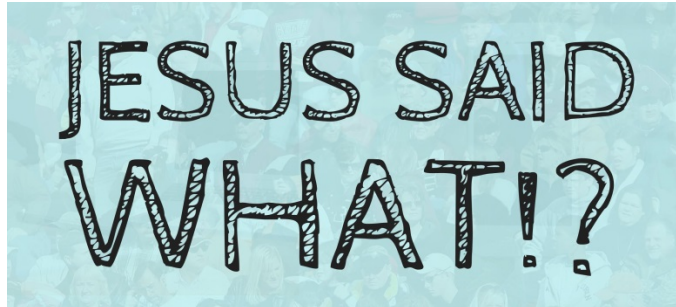


THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
October 14, 2018
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 7:7-11 + Hebrews 4:12-13 + Mark 10:17-30



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In the early 60's I made my final vows and promised obedience, chastity and poverty. I believe that promise is summed up in the vow of poverty...letting go of my own will... intimate relationships and material possessions.

In today's gospel Jesus tells the young man in order to gain eternal life, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

I am haunted by these words as I sit in my reclining chair with my iPhone and iPad by my side. Do I consider these my treasures along with my clothing, housing and nutritious food on my table? Material poverty? No! I have everything I need and much more. But Jesus said, "Sell your riches, give it away."

This gospel led me to really examine my attachments.

I probably could let go of my material possessions faster than the many ways of trying to control my day and possibly everyone else's. I have a reputation of being the patron of organization.

Can I let go of my ego and not have to do it all, organize it all, so that everything is perfect?

Can I be relaxed enough with not having an answer for everything?

Can I trust God enough to know that God is in control, not me?

Can I live with dust on the end tables knowing that someone just popped in for a visit?

For me, this list can go on. What about you?