

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
October 10, 2021
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 7:7–11 † Hebrews 4:12–13 † Mark 10:17–30



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“Let Go”

Madeline showed great promise on the trapeze. During one competition, she stood on her platform with her coach. Then she grabbed the bar and swing out over the huge arena. As her partner waited for her on the opposite platform, he sent a bar swinging out towards her. At the very lowest point of her swing, she had to let go of her bar. She paused briefly in midair, and then reached out to grab the bar coming close to her. Whew!! We all breathed a sigh of relief – and she stood triumphantly on the new platform.

In order to do this remarkable feat, she had to let go of all she knew for her safety and trust the partner beyond.

Sounds a bit like today's Gospel. The rich young man, beloved by Jesus, had to let go of his familiar securities and trust Jesus!

We make choices so often during our lives. Maybe it is something as ordinary as choosing one pair of shoes in the shop or one entrée on a menu, and leaving all the others – so very attractive – behind.

How many times in life have we had **momentous** decisions to make? Let go of the familiar security blankets and swing out in faith trusting the One who calls us. Not only once, at least for most of us. Perhaps it entailed forsaking many possible life partners to wed only one. Sometimes the choice demands leaving a promising future, a loving family, a beloved boy or girl friend, in order to follow Jesus's call to religious life.

For all this choosing to be done wisely, the Spirit of Wisdom, the Word of God, Jesus himself, must support our choice. But we remain free to listen to another voice and leave Jesus' invitation behind. The odd thing is that in choosing to leave all other possibilities and wisely choosing the One, we receive so many riches along with that wise choice as to boggle our minds! So, for God's sake, let go!