

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5–8 † 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 † Luke 6:17, 20–26



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Whenever I have listened to people who have served among the poor, they often say of the poor that “they have very little and yet they are happy.” On the other hand, we hear people share that they feel “blessed” and happy because they have everything that they need. They are well off, popular and well respected. They are happy with few cares, eat well, and their lives seem fulfilled. In Luke’s gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that having everything doesn’t make them happy. Those who are poor depend on God. When we have nothing, are in the waves of grief, don’t know where to turn, when we hunger for what we need and bear insults and exclusion for the sake of the gospel, then we know how much we need God. Amid difficulty, we find blessing. Discipleship calls us to remember who we are and whose we are. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us “Blessed is the one who trusts in God, whose hope is in the Lord.” I think Mother Teresa says it best: “You will never truly realize God is all you need until He becomes all you have.”