

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year

(Jos.24.1-2,15-17,18, Eph.4.32-5,21-32, Jn.6.53,60-69)

THEME: JESUS IS THE ANSWER.

In our 1st reading today, we are presented with the story of Joshua and the people of Israel of old. Joshua, the servant of God, asked the people to choose from today who shall be their God. And the people answered him, "We shall worship the Lord God who brought us out of slavery, who fought our battles for us, and worked great signs of wonder in our lives, He who made us what we are today."

In the gospel today, after Jesus' teaching, many people left him, for they felt that His teachings were touching their lives. And Jesus turned to his apostles and asked, "What about you?" "Do you want go also?" But Peter looked at Him and answered Jesus; "Lord, to whom can we go, you have the message of eternal life."

Brothers and Sisters, today where is our faith? Like the people in the first reading today, do we still realize that what ever we are or have today comes from God. The life we have today are gifts from God. The good health and joy we have today are from the Lord God who created us.

The question that Jesus put before his apostles in the gospel today, He is also putting before us today. Do you still have faith in God or do you want to avoid Him in your life? Just like Peter, let us manifest our faith in our God today again by answering Jesus, "to whom shall we go" if we leave Him? For in Jesus is our life, protection, peace, joy, progress, healing and happiness.

If you abandon Jesus in your life, you will be empty; there will be no peace and happiness in your life.

Let us always bear in mind, that money, wealth, technology, health, life, beauty and good things of this world are nothing without Jesus.

St. Paul, through our second reading today calls us to always live like children of God. By being kind to one another, forgiving each other, and loving one another. For this is what it means to believe, and to live as sons and daughters of the living God.