



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Monday Jan. 18

1 Sam 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday Jan. 19

1 Sam 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday Jan. 20

1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday Jan. 21

1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday Jan. 22

1 Sam 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday Jan. 23

2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mark 3:20-21

The Gospel story this Sunday gives us a good example of how to handle conflicts without sinning.



Mary sees a need and wants Jesus to do something about it. She knows that there's something she can do except be miraculous. She wants the divine in him to respond to her request, but the human nature of Jesus responds first: He doesn't want to reveal his divinity with this kind of miracle. He's eager to heal souls, not empty wine jars.

"Woman, how does your concern affect me?" he says. "My hour has not yet come." This is like saying, "I respect your request, but think about how a miracle in this situation would affect the ministry I'm about to start! People will come to me for party favors and other earthly pleasures, but I want to give them eternal salvation."

We Catholics like to use this scripture as faith-building evidence of the Blessed Mother's ability to help us. We see her in this story as a mother who can get for us whatever we want from Jesus, because she can make him change his mind. Jesus told her no, but the conflict was resolved her way. Mary won, Jesus lost.

Isn't this how we view conflicts? It's not resolved until someone's a winner and someone else is a loser. Therefore, when we make requests of God and he doesn't give us what we want, we feel like we're the

loser, so we pray harder, trying to make God become the loser. And when that fails, we ask the Blessed Mother to side with her Son against his

But God wants us to be the winner from the start! He always wants what's best for us. Mary knew this when she told the wine stewards, "Do whatever my Son tells you."

Conflicts are not inherently bad. Conflicts become sacred opportunities for wonderful solutions when we entrust them to God. Mary trusted that Jesus cared about the people at the party. Jesus trusted that the Father cared about both the people and his ministry. It was a win-win situation.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you feel when you lose an argument? How hard do you work at making the other person lose?
2. Will you trust God to take good care of you – even if you feel like a loser?
3. Describe a conflict (a hypothetical one or a real one from your past or present) and suggest an ideal solution. Is anyone a loser in this scenario?
4. If you were to truly trust God, what might he do to resolve the conflict so that everyone benefits?