

Our Lady of the Rosary

Today is Monday the 7th of October, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the 27th week of Ordinary Time.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. The most important thing for me to do now, as I enter into prayer, is to let go for a moment, to let go of my own concerns, my own worries and fears and reluctance, and let myself be led by God, trusting that God, who loves me, will lead me into life.

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Luke.

This isn't a trial, yet in this scene people are put on the spot and questioned. A lawyer wants to test Jesus, but Jesus ends up questioning him, and inviting him to question himself. It seems that there's a difference between the answer in the book and the answer in lived experience. The lawyer knows the theory but needs to learn the practice.

Is there something in the scriptures that I've known in my head, but not in my heart, in my life? How have I learned to live faith and not just know it as theory? Jesus' story helps the lawyer to move beyond the narrow boundaries of his habitual thinking. Has that ever happened to me?

As you hear this story again, what part of it stays with you at the level of the heart? The lawyer already knows what's right but has never imagined how much deeper and broader God's word can be, how it might stretch his horizons of thinking and reacting. How does this passage invite you to grow and expand your horizons, to change your attitudes and behaviour?

We've been listening to a conversation between Jesus and someone seeking what's right. What do you find yourself wanting to ask or say to Jesus right now? What grace do you desire? Allow yourself to say to him whatever's in your heart.