

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 55:6-9 * Philippians 1:20c-24 * Matthew 20:1-16*

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last” – Matt. 20:16

In the Gospel today, we hear a parable about a landowner who pays all his workers the same amount of money, even though they did not all work the same amount of time. We may wonder why Jesus seems to be okay with that – isn't it unfair?

I remember when my son made the basketball team in junior high. Every day after school he and his teammates practiced for two hours. One day, a new student came to his school. The coach wanted him to feel welcome, so he made him the starter for the next game. Without doing all the work the rest of the team had done, he received the same reward. Do you think that was fair? The team DID NOT! The following year my son started high school and his art and music teachers gave him opportunities to shine. He had natural talent in these areas, but so did other students. Was it fair? Perhaps the Gospel message is that instead of measuring our blessings against what others get, we should appreciate the many ways we are blessed.

Lord, please help me to appreciate your gifts, even if things seem unfair at times. Give me the patience to wait and see what generous ways you love me.

Have you ever been jealous of someone else's success? Remember, God loves us all...in different ways!

