

## 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time – Cycle B, 6-17-18

There is an old story about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. After receiving a warm welcome back home, a few angels asked him what he'd done. He talked about planting the seed of God's reign into the hearts of people, particularly the 12 he had chosen as apostles. They and others whom he had encountered would spread the good news of God's reign to all the earth.

One of the angels asked him, "Do you have a backup plan?" He answered, "No, it's all in their hands now."

Ezekiel: The kingdom of God is like a large cedar tree...branches...fruit...comfort and consolation to all the birds of the air.

Mark: The kingdom of God is like a man scattering seed...it sprouts and grows with out his knowing...until it is time for the harvest...

Paul to Corinthians: The kingdom of God is within us...we walk by faith, not by sight.

Dad: The kingdom of God is the faith of our Fathers (& Mothers). I always tell this story to our children when they make first reconciliation. Jr. & I were on the way to school one day...(To make a long story short) I hit Jr. on the head with a rock as he was nagging me as we walked to school one day. He was bleeding profusely and Dad came by in his truck on his way to work. He took Jr. to the hospital & told me to get to school & he'd deal with me later. He did that night...instead of the belt I was reminded of my responsibility to be a good example to my little brother. (He knew Jr. wasn't totally innocent either.) He hugged me (after telling me it better never happen again).

We are Jesus' plan...we being the Church. Let's spread the news through our forgiveness & mercy...imitating the Christ as best we can. Happy Father's Day! Let us live the faith of our fathers and mothers! God is good...all the time.