



Twelfth Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Trust can overcome fear. In the Old Testament reading from the Book of Job, God reminds Job of His power even over the sea and the other elements in nature. David sings of God rescuing His people in Psalm 107. The Psalmist beckons; "Give thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting." The verses marvel at God's power to calm the storm and restore a gentle breeze.

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, instructs the believers that through Christ's death, all things are made new and we are redeemed. Everything old has passed away and we become a "new creation" in Christ.

St. Mark in his account of the storm the Apostles went through in the boat with Jesus while he slept, can be a lesson for all of us who are His followers. They question Him once they awaken Him and wonder whether or not He cares that they will drown. Jesus asks why they fear, and then orders the storm to cease. He shows them that trust can overcome fear. The Apostles are perplexed. "Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey Him?" In moments of difficulty and fear, allow trust in Jesus to bring you the calm you wish for.

Peace,

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