

Faultfinders

Friday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

READINGS

First Reading: [GAL 3:7-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6](#)

Gospel: [LK 11:15-26](#)

Homily

Jesus during his life on earth was surrounded with faultfinders. They have openly expressed their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah of God. At everything that Jesus did and said, they were always looking for something to accuse Jesus of in order to discredit Him and destroy His good reputation. They were always skeptical and judgmental at Jesus. They refused to accept that what Jesus was doing came from God. They in fact at the end had their way to put Jesus away. They had him suffer death. Their ultimate rejection.

Some fault finders are in our Gospel today. They accused Jesus of liberating individuals from demonic possession, that is expelling demons by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons.

“When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said: ‘By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons.’ Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven.”

Even if people would accuse him falsely, Jesus was never discouraged. He continued on His mission. Instead of being led away from it, He was

even more focused and determined to fulfill God's plan. He did not let anything and anyone get on His way, not even the stalking faultfinders.

Let us then examine ourselves. I am a faultfinder or a victim of faultfinders?

You are a faultfinder if you answer YES to these questions. Do I readily judge people? Am I pessimistic at the goodness of others? Do I readily see negative things at people? Do I make up and spread untruthful stories in order to destroy peoples' lives. Do I easily misinterpret peoples' actions and start a rumor about it? If you are this kind of person, and if you want to be liberated from this unclean spirit, ask Jesus to help you.

If you are a victim of faultfinders, follow the example of Jesus. Stay in the side of God and be strong even if others would try to weaken you with false accusations, even if they try to destroy your life. Move on, focus on doing what is right in the eyes of God and He will bless you. Continue to do good to those who hate you. You will heap burning coals in their hearts and bring them back to God.

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