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Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Luke 11:29-32 When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah. (30) For as Jonah became a sign to the men of Nin'evah, so will the Son of man be to this generation. (31) The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to

hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. (32) The men of Nin'evah will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

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Do you pay attention to warning signs? Many fatalities could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented. And the Queen of Sheba recognized God's wisdom in Solomon. Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and now they reject Jesus as *God's Anointed One (Messiah)* and they fail to heed his message. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was *"destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed"* (Luke 2:34- 35). Jesus confirmed his message with many miracles in preparation for the greatest sign of all – his resurrection on the third day.

The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are – a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that *the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity* (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone – God's pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love. Do you thirst for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14)?

"Lord Jesus, give me a heart that loves what is good and in accord with your will and fill me with your wisdom that I may understand your ways. Give me the grace and the courage to reject whatever is evil and contrary to your will."

Supplementary Reading

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{xtypo_quote} My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it. –
Luke 8:21 {/xtypo_quote}

I love my family. I do my best to love my relatives from both “sides” — the Fernandezes and the Pecañas. I’ve learned to love my sisters and brothers in community — my second family. I strive to love my friends, both old and new. But I guess my “loving” is still limited to those whom I consider as “family.”

And family for me is about relationships — by blood, by friendship, by faith. Jesus’ definition of family encompasses every type of relationship and more. He considers part of His family “those who hear the word of God and act on it.” Having a personal relationship with God and obeying His will are what it takes to become part of Jesus’ big, wonderful family.

I struggle to become worthy of being called “daughter of God” and “sister of Jesus.” I struggle to love beyond the confines of my family. I believe I shall do so until the end. Only by God’s grace and mercy will I be able to embrace as “family” all those who love and are bound by a spiritual relationship with Him. Dina Pecaña

REFLECTION:

“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” (Desmond Tutu)

Thank You, Jesus, for calling me to be part of Your family. What an honor and privilege it is to be Your brother, Your sister.

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