

“CONFESSIONS OF A PROPHET”

Jeremiah is known as the reluctant prophet. He got his call when he was in his early twenties and was very aware of his inadequacies. He was very shy so it was easy for him to feel that God was calling the wrong guy.

“I don’t know what to say.” So, he came in protesting.

But God assured him that God would lead him to the right time and place and put His words into Jeremiah’s mouth.

Do we ever say that we don’t know what to say when we are called to evangelize?

Jeremiah started out by condemning FALSE WORSHIP, SOCIAL INJUSTICE AND REPENTENCE. That was pretty standard for most of the prophets. We still hear God’s message on these subjects to this day.

But it got more difficult when he was called to advise on political issues between Egypt, Assyria and Babylonia. This is where his friends turned on him and began to plot his death. He eventually was stoned to death. Today we would just ignore a prophet with a challenging message.

The Black Lives Matter movement is the political issue of today. There is stoning and violent reactions to the different sides of this issue too. I read an article by an active civil rights protester from the 60’s who had this observation in comparing the two movements. She felt that the civil rights movement was led by church leaders, who had a spiritual tone to their message that the BLM doesn’t not have. They also have been infiltrated by groups that are committed to destruction.

Of course, I feel that social injustice happens in the heart of a person. That place that only God can reach. So, every day we are called to seek God’s grace in our hearts because only God can provide the grace needed to know what is going on.

Paul tells us that the grace of God is how to overcome the transgressions that we must deal with in this life. That God’s grace will overflow in abundance to offset the evil that exists alongside the goodness.

Turning to the Gospel, to hear Our Lord’s message for today, and we see that He tells His disciples that their message is so pure that they will never have to fear when sharing it. Our message is Jesus Christ and all that He is doing in our lives.

It is an uplifting message that everyone who takes it to heart can live in harmony and peace with it. A message that should be shouted from the housetops! It also can be shared quietly among our family and friends. And when we share it, it will make Jesus very happy and He will acknowledge us to the Father.

Do not deny Him. Do not miss opportunities to share Jesus.

QUESTION: Is staying silent a form of denial?