

HOMILY: TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCT OBER 9, 2022

TITLE; ONE OUT OF TEN .

INTRODUCTION:

JESUS WAS QUICK TO REALIZE THAT THE GOOD NEWS crosses international and cultural boundaries...// CHRIST'S recognition of values that he must have held dear, despite the walls people build around one another remains especially true in Luke's Gospel.// In his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus decided to take a road that every Jewish person avoided : the route to SAMARIA //.

NOW, travelling through this territory really was the most direct route but such a journey was carefully avoided because of the ancient animosity between Israel and Samaria.// What is hard to visualize is, that Jesus is walking along the common boundary between the two lands. (THAT DISPUTE CONTINUES TO THIS DAY CENTURIES LATER).

This is the Divine tightrope walk defying our expectations. That the lord chose to traverse these territories suggests we are getting a preview of the healing of the 10 lepers that is to come described in this morning's gospel: God's power to make whole does not belong to any cultural group: ---nobody here is outside God's compassion and forgiveness. --- YOU MAY BE SAYING TO YOURSELF ---I WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN FOR THE SINS I HAVE COMMITTED IN THE PAST.

TO YOU AMIDST YOUR CURRENT TURMOIL AND INTERNAL STORM NOW: --- GOD IS WHISPERING IN YOUR EAR: --- "GOD WALKS SLOWLY IN M Y LIFE, // ---NEVER--- BACK."

Let us take a closer look at today's gospel as an example. ...! When Jesus responds to the ten lepers for their request for merc iful healing, --- He gives them exactly what they wanted//a miracle of complete wholeness .

Yet the response of the 10 lepers shows how quickly their fervor evaporates into a lack of gratitude,... / except for the one leper .

MAYBE THERE IS A DARK STATISTIC HERE!

ONE out of ten people is truly grateful for what God has done for them !

WHERE AM I IN THIS CONFIGURATION?

AMEN