



June 28 2020 ◊ Sun. of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time ◊ Lectionary: 97 ◊ Gospel MT 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Spiritual Reflection: Henri Nouwen wrote: *"Looking at hospitality as the creation of a free and friendly space where we can reach out to strangers and invite them to become our friends, it is clear that this can take place on many levels and in many relationships."* Jesus wants us to enter into loving relationships with everyone not for what they do or have done for you but rather because they are children of God like we are.

Spiritual Questions:

1. How can we move our love to be more based on love of God and not for what they do for us?
2. How can we learn to love God more?
3. How can we receive a prophet?
4. How are we helping people know that love is supposed to be unconditional?
5. How can you create free and friendly spaces?