

I have a friend who teases me when he calls me by immediately asking, "Ok, so where are you? The gym, the golf course, Barnes and Nobles or the diner?" Am I that transparent 😊? Nor, for the record, am I that bad? That said, unfortunately, like you, I'm nowhere. I'm home. This is a tough pill to swallow. I'm definitely on the low end of the spectrum on needing a vibrant social life and I'm getting bored. I can only imagine what it's like for you.



In life, sometimes we get dealt a bad deck of cards. Let's not forget that for the most part, bad times are temporary. We ask God for pizza and mom serves hamburgers. In these situations, faithful obedience to the will of God is our best bet. Maybe, we need more protein.

In today's Gospel, the court official whose son was at the point of death sought out Jesus in order to have Him save his son. The official wanted Jesus to come to his home. Therefore, he must have been initially taken back by Our Lord's response. It sounds like a rebuke and it probably was on some level. "So you will not believe unless you see signs and portents?" Undeterred, the man replies, "Sir, come down before the boy dies". Jesus, in turn tells him, to "Go home, your son will live." On one hand, this is exactly what the man wanted to hear. On the other hand, it wasn't exactly what he wanted. He wanted Jesus to come with him to his home and he wanted to see Jesus heal his son. Jesus was asking this court official to take a leap of faith. The man did so. When he believed in his heart what Jesus said was true, his son was healed. To this day, we remember his faith.

All of our lives have been disrupted. I'm a big reader. Also, I pray, both formally and informally. Please be assured that I am praying for you. However, I even need some more action. "More action" doesn't seem to be what God wants from us now. It seems like we all have gotten a big "time out" from our Heavenly Father. Perhaps, we have become too wrapped up in both the pleasures and cares of life. God is giving us a taste of what it is like to be stripped of them. In silence, we come face to face with our Creator. We can't hide from Him. I'd accept this period with prayerful Faith. Paul in the Letter to the Romans wrote, "that for those who love Him, all things work out for the good in the end" (Romans 8:28) *. Believe in your heart it is true and it will be for you.

* We will see this clearly from the perspective of Heaven.