



5th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – February 10, 2019

Let me share some brief thoughts about the word of God in the Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time. (Is 6:1-2A, 3-8 -- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 -- Luke 5:1-11)

Did you ever get the feeling that if you really trust God, he is going to ask you to do something that you might not want to do?

That happens to me every time the bishop calls and says I want to talk to you about something.

Isaiah must have felt that way many years ago (Is 6:1-2A, 3-8). And yet, after he thought about it, he trusted God. And when God said, "Whom shall I send.," he answered, "Send Me". There are times when God will ask you that same question. And He will keep asking until your answer.

Is there something that needs to be done in your family?

Is there something that needs to be done at your place of work?

Is there something that needs to be done here in the parish and only you can do it?

Are you aware of a situation that needs God's attention and you can hear God say to you, "Whom shall I send?"

Will you think about it as Isaiah did and then say, "Here I am Lord - Send Me".

Trusting God is not always easy but it's always the right thing to do.

Recall the story in today's gospel (Luke 5:1-11). The apostles were out fishing all night. Jesus says, "Let's go out one more time". Most people would probably say, "Go out yourself - we're tired". But they trusted him and were not disappointed.

Jesus pointed out to them that God the Father had a job for "Fishers of Men" that needed to be done and once again he was asking, "Whom shall I send."

The apostles in effect answered, "Send us". They left everything and followed Jesus.

You can be sure there is a job to be done on behalf of God in the part of the world in which you live and only you can do it.

That's when God says to you, "Whom shall I send?"

For a few moments in silence, reflect on what our Lord is asking of you. Then tell Him, "Send me".

