

## Reflection Monday Week 8 – 2022

The young man's question is often our question: *What must I do to inherit eternal life?* Jesus' response is equally straight forward. *Keep the commandments: Love God and Love your neighbour.* However, the young man wants to do more and so do we. The **more** that Jesus asks of us, however, is often greater than we are willing or believe ourselves capable of giving. Jesus asks us to trust him. The disciples rightly answer that this is impossible but Jesus says, *nothing is impossible if you place your complete trust in me.*

Look at this another way. When we reflect on our lives, we realise that the experiences that have most enriched us are the difficult ones that pushed us to the extreme. Read the stories of gold medal winners and the sacrifices they made to become the best. They are uplifting and encouraging. The real difficulty is believing that Jesus never asks anything of us that we are not capable of giving with his help. A small plaque on a businessman's desk states: *"There is nothing that will happen today that You and I can't handle, LORD!"* All we have to do is trust Jesus TODAY!!

**Pope Francis:** *Calling the Lord "the God of perseverance and consolation," reveals the nature of a God "who always remains faithful to his love for us and takes care of us, covering our wounds with the caress of his goodness and his mercy. God is perseverant in love for us, he never tires of loving us.*

*"Although a person's life is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God!"*

*"The faith we proclaim helps us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent... He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighbourhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors."*