

## **Homily for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C:**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The question of the disciples in today's Gospel seems to be simple but it hides a deep reality of our daily life: "Lord, increase our faith." This is not just a request, it's a prayer of the disciples and ours. So many times, we struggle in different ways, we face challenges, and there is a time our life may feel uncertain. It is in those very moments that this request of the apostles is ours, because we really need our faith to be strong so that we can make the next step of our journey.

But then the response of Jesus to His apostles is surprising: "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

When Jesus responds this way, He is not criticizing the apostles for having little faith. He's revealing a truth that even the smallest amount of authentic faith can accomplish great things. A mustard seed is tiny, but it contains a powerful life in it. In the same way, our faith, when it is authentic, active, and rooted in trust, it can accomplish great things.

This means that we don't need to wait until we feel "Holy enough" or "strong enough" to act. God can work through our smallest efforts, our quiet prayers, our hidden sacrifices. What matters is not the size of our faith, but its authenticity and willingness to move.

Jesus then continues with a parable about a servant who works all day and does not expect praise. He says: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Jesus wants us to always make a connection between Faith and Humility. Faith is not just about miracles, it's about obedience. It's about serving God and our brothers and sisters without seeking recognition.

In this world that values applause and reward, Jesus calls us to quiet, and faithful service. We are not servants who demand thanks. We are disciples who serve because we love.

So, what does this mean for us?

If your faith feels small, don't despair. Bring it to God, and you will see how He can do great things with it. If you serve quietly, keep going. Heaven sees what the world overlooks. If you're tired, remember that your labor in the Lord is never in vain.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us ask the Lord today, not just for more faith, but a faith that moves mountains, a powerful faith, yet a humble faith, a faith that bends down and washes feet of our brothers and sisters, a faith that believes and serves. Amen...!