Wednesday 9th September 2020

Gospel Luke 9-1-6

"Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority, over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, 'Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.' Then they set out and went from village to village."

We all want to give our families what they need, all the time. But we know there are times when that is not always easy to do. It can be very worrying. But today's Gospel story tells us that we should always lean and trust God to provide for us and if we do our bit, then God has promised we will be provided for.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for the disciples to go and do as Jesus was telling them to do? Tell people of the Kingdom of God, heal the sick. Jesus told them to take nothing. All they had was the belief that he had instilled into them the power and authority to be able to do what he was sending them out to do. It was Jesus expecting his disciples to trust in him. They did what was expected. They had absolute trust in God and in turn God provided the needful for the disciples. We need to be like the disciples and follow Jesus. We have many worries which bring us down, and we try to fix it ourselves first. If we only did what we should do and turn our worries over to God, then we would get the help much more guickly. I know it's a saying but it is quite obvious in the Christian world, "a problem shared is a problem halved." Therefore, if we ask God and we turn to him even if we do not understand fully why we have the worries and cannot solve them. Then he will provide a solution to the problem. Maybe not right away but we will see the answer when it is the right time. And sometimes, it is not guite what we want but it will be God's will for us. May we always follow God's will. And remember that God provides for us. all we have do to help is work in his name, trust in his ways, and love one another as he loves us.

Thank you Father that every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from You, Father. (James 1:17)