

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordination Time – Canada Day

This week, friend's funeral. Not lot of details, small towns served before here. Young, kids school, few years battled cancer – Her life, how true Gospel is.

- Faced death so much peace, faith – ppl impacted
- Husband – not Catholic, grew faith, closer to church
- Kids – Inconsolable, angry at funeral grace, peace
- Anyone spent time... her faithful life bore lot of fruit

True – Always good to ask, how should we live diff if words true?

- Sow widely, w/ hope
- “Sowing seed” – sharing faith, evangelizing. Word scares, not knocking doors...
 - Sharing faith we have – go to church, Facebook, deep conversation, witness (live differently bc/ of faith)
- Talk about sowing seed – sharing faith, many ways we can

Sow widely – sower doesn't discriminate where he sows

- Always thought strange – waste seed on rock, path – don't plow, weed
- Don't know about ancient farming – sharing faith, right approach

How live diff if sow widely? Relationships don't share faith?

- Not say talk Js all time – opp comes, don't take it?
 - Living witness – change, compromise way live avoid sharing?
- Why? Fear of offending – maybe no point – ppl not interested, dry ground
- If happens – when – living like parable not true?
 - Sowing selectively – deciding who does/not get seed?
- Challenging self on this – friendships, family, quit. Take to heart.
- Sow widely

Reason: Hope – mean confident expectation, cautiously optimistic, expect good though don't see now

- Reason Js uses image of farming talk about growing faith
- Farmers seed, expect good (not guaranteed, frost, rain, hail)
 - Don't see good, expect it come

When we sow seed – expect something to happen – change, heart touched, conversion

- Baptized, confirmed – God commissioned you do this

SLOW DOWN

the living Spirit kindles fire

- If God gave you job, also gave ability to do it – his help
- Trust that, trust self, trust Lord
- Gospel shows – not always, not quickly – does happen

Lived though Gospel true – Share faith widely, expect lives change