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Listening to the Word of God

The 18TH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

1. “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.”

Would I have had enough faith to gather ONLY one day’s portion of food? How is this similar or different from worrying about the somewhat distant future that I can do nothing about?

2. “In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, ‘What is this?’ for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, ‘This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.’”

What was the last totally new food I was introduced to and ate? How did I feel about eating it?
Has God ever asked me to experience something totally new? How well did I trust Him?

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

“Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”

1. What things or habits have I had to give up, or not start because I am a Christian?
2. How am I any different from people who do not believe in God?
3. What parts of my life are still “corruptive” against the life of Christ?

John 6:24-35

“So Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ So they said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.’”

1. Having received the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, how am I about being God’s life giving vessel to the world?