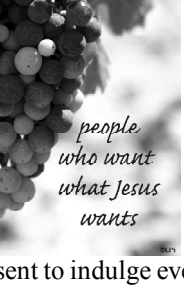


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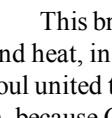


“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.” What a lovely promise! Imagine how satisfying it would be to ask for whatever we wanted and then to see that wish granted. Truly, it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not love to see a promise like this fulfilled. But we know Jesus isn’t a genie in a magic

lamp sent to indulge every selfish whim. So, what’s the catch?

Well, as Jesus puts it in today’s Gospel, this promise is extended to those who “remain” in him. He uses the beautiful analogy of the vine and the branches to explain what this means. “A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine ... I am the vine, you are the branches.” The idea here is that we are to be connected to Jesus so closely that our very life, our growth, our actions, indeed even our desires come from him as their source. When we are authentically rooted in Christ, and when his words remain in us, then that cannot help but transform us into people who want what Jesus wants. And when we want what he wants, why wouldn’t he give it to us?

This brings to mind a quote from St. Alphonsus Liguori. “In cold and heat, in rain and wind,” said this wise doctor of the church, “the soul united to God says: ‘I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it.’” In a similar vein, another doctor of the church, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said that God has “always given me what I’ve desired, or rather, He’s made me desire what He wanted to give me.” This is the secret to constant contentment. No matter what life brings, when we truly desire to embrace God’s will, we are bound to be happy.



THE BIBLE
SAYS...

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2015

Sundays: [Mt 26: 1-13](#) / [Lk 24: 1-48](#)
 Mondays: [Lk 24: 1-48](#) / [Mt 26: 1-13](#)
 Tuesdays: [Lk 24: 1-48](#) / [Mt 26: 1-13](#)
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Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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