

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

LEARN TO SEE, DISCERN, AND BE TRANSFORMED.



B My brothers and sisters, today's Gospel, like the first reading, speaks to us of the call of Christ or of God which comes to resound in our lives and transform them. This call (this vocation) is addressed to each of us and is not reserved for Samuel, Andrew or Pierre. All the baptized are called, by their baptism, priests, prophets and kings and all have become disciples of Christ. But, being called is not enough in these readings, we must also know how to recognize and discern this call addressed to us. This is why the verb which is most used in our gospel does not relate to speech but to vision. It is indeed a matter of “seeing”, of recognizing in one’s life “the gaze” placed on us.

Today's texts call us to change our outlook, to see in another way to discern the call made to us. Change your outlook on yourself. St. Paul invites us to first change our view of ourselves, and this is sometimes the most difficult. To answer a call, we must already know how to look at who we are. Paul invites the Corinthians to change their outlook on their own bodies: “your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. » “The

body is for the Lord and the Lord is for the body. » We are called to respect our bodies and also the bodies of others.

It is not enough to just change your view of yourself, it is also a matter of changing your view of others. This is what the priest Eli must do with Samuel. The way he looks at Samuel must change. To respond to God's call, we too often need to know how to see beyond appearances and logic.

How do we see Christ in our lives or are you ready to change your view of Christ? The first disciples made this journey, guided by the vision of John the Baptist. Without knowing anything about Jesus, a man who came and went on the path, they began to follow him. They recognized him as the Messiah, the Christ. No words in this vocation, simply a look: “Come and you will see. » This vocation is disturbing because it lacks explanations. It is enough to see Christ for your life to change and be transformed. We too are called to change our view of Christ, we too are called to see beyond appearances, we too are called to have another view of ourselves and our abilities. We must see and also accept being looked at, accepting the look of Jesus in return. This look of Christ says to us too: “Come and you will see. » Come where, see what? This remains the mystery of the vocation, of the call. The only thing we know is that we will be different, transformed, like Simon became Peter.

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