

If Jesus can do it, so can we

Today's Gospel recalls the moment Jesus felt compassion on the large crowd and fed them with 5 loaves and 2 fishes.

No problem! He is God, we say. But that is not our true Christian reality.

We Christians proclaim loudly that God is infinite, all powerful and unable to be a failure in anything. At the same time, we act and speak/preach like He is "up-there," separated from us. That is the living of a contradiction.

If He is Infinite, then He is everywhere. That means we are inside Him. That means He cannot be a separate unity from us. We essentially are one in Him.

If He is all powerful, then we too have at our disposal all his power; the very power we have in our life, in living, is his power, not ours. We cannot have a power that is outside his power.

That being so, then why are we Christians not working miracles like Jesus did?

When Jesus lefts us, he said that we first had to be empowered with the Holy Spirit and then we were to do works, some even greater than He did. Paul says in 1st Corinthians that the gifts of the Spirit are given for the common good of all.

Where are we, the Christians, working miracles for the common good of all, using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in which healing and miracles are listed?

If we live inside the very essence of this all-powerful God, if His power is the very power we have at our disposal, if these gifts were further conferred upon us at Baptism/Confirmation, then we ought to be constantly working miracles.

But we are not. We are not because we believe that we are separated from God. We constantly pray to Him up-there or in church that He fix things for us, that He work a miracle for us, that He heal us of our illness. And we are not surprised when nothing happens. That's just the way it is, we say.

We have not only separated ourselves from Him, but from within ourselves as well. Most people in the world live in their head, their mind. That is not where our natural power dwells. If we listen well, we can notice when someone is speaking from their head/tongue and/or when they are speaking from their heart/gut. The tone of voice is different, and the power that enfleshes it is vastly different.

When we speak from our heart/gut, our whole being is involved in what we say and do. We are one with the love and compassion, the very unifying power of God, that is within. It is from here that miracles flow. Whatever flows only from the head/tongue will be covered with some attitude of separation, some attitude of ego involvement. Love and compassion do not reside in the head.

We all know the difference very well from experience. A teacher or parent who screams commands may eventually be obeyed, but every child knows instinctively that the voice coming out indicates the maximum power of the said teacher/parent. So, if they disobey they know things will not get worse. Whereas a teacher or parent who issues the same command that comes from their heart/gut, it comes with such power that the child instinctively know it had better listen and obey. They do not know the depth of that power. The child also instinctively knows that one expresses the teacher/parent's self-love and the other the teacher/parent's compassionate love for the child.

In other words, the working of miracles has very little to do with what one has in their head. A miracle cannot be planned. It is an automatic response of a loving compassionate heart.

In other words, the more we are the heart/gut compassion of the words and actions that we express, miracles will be present in our life and with those around us. Nothing we do is done from a superficial attitude that would indicate it is controlled by the head/tongue.

In my life, I have witnessed and experienced the reality of these thoughts. On two occasions, I ate at the table where food was miraculously multiplied. On another occasion, my strong hug for some 10 minutes or so of an adult who was screaming for hours because of having accidentally killed his girlfriend transformed him and restored him back to normal. That hug was filled with my compassion, which was also the very compassion of God Himself.

Miracles can only happen among us when we are compassionate love, when we are living a life that integrates our head with our gut, when we listen to the gut. There-in dwells the very power of God. All we need to do is respond to its spontaneous inspiration to share it in some way. No thinking is needed. We will instinctively know what to do.

Let's begin to live the truth about our relationship with God. When scripture said we are made to Their image and likeness, it was expressing a reality. God has never been about building walls of separation. It is not His nature.

If we truly believe that God is infinite and all powerful, then of necessity we too are the same, except with only one difference, namely, our "infinity" has a specific created point. His did not. Join us in living this wonderful life of miracles!