

Thoughts on the Daily Word

18th Week of Year. Monday 3rd August. Readings: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 118; Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21.

Speaking truth to power continues today with the stepping out in faith of Jeremiah. It seems no accident that Hananiah and Jeremiah have such similar names, almost two sides to the same coin. There is something of that double mindedness in all of us, I think. Who would we want to believe? The optimistic Hananiah or the pessimistic Jeremiah. The latter correctly points out that true prophets tend to give warning of possible disaster and only then promise that the God of the Covenant will not abandon them. It would seem that the heart has to be in the right place to be able to discern what God wants and what he is doing. Jesus calls it faith, not doubt, having a heart truly committed to the Lord. God says that Hananiah's heart is not truly trusting in him. The disciples too have to learn how to trust the word of Jesus and step out in faith. We have to learn that the word of Jesus is a word of hope for the hungry. Jeremiah too has to painfully learn the lesson and so do we, only then we can really speak the truth to power.