

# ¡BUSCANDO LA VOZ DE DIOS EN LO COTIDIANO!



Resources For  
Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

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## SEEKING GOD'S VOICE IN OUR DAILY LIVES!

### 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MT 13:44-52



#### TOPIC FOR THE WEEK

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried..."

Mt 13, 44

**My Experience:** Question to ponder and share: What has been the gift that has had the most meaning? Perhaps not so much in the material.

**The Voice of God:** We invite you to read the Gospel of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel of Saint Matthew is the oldest. It is the first of the Gospels that were written about the sayings and deeds of Jesus. Matthew wrote it for an audience that did not understand that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. Highlight Jesus as the person who comes to bring the New Law. Chapter 13 contains the thirteen parables of the kingdom of God. In chapter six, the disciples had asked Jesus to teach them to pray (Mt. 6, 9-13). Jesus teaches them the Our Father, and introduces the need to be alert to the coming of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is here today, and all of us baptized are already members of this kingdom. Our Baptism makes us automatic heirs of it. Nothing else is active, it is alive, it is dynamic. And although it is our inheritance, we can lose our participation in it by our actions. Jesus invites us to leave everything to live in the Kingdom, to leave our prejudices, our desire to want power (44), everything that prevents us from finding it (45-46 (reminds us that at the end of time we will be judged by our actions (47-50) And then one of my favorite parts, Jesus challenges us to live in the Kingdom of God that is always dynamic, in motion, always trying to improve and learn something new (47-50).

**Share:** What did you have to leave in order to follow Jesus? Do you see yourself as a Kingdom builder on earth?



**Daily Living Connection:** I invite you to listen to this song by Mecedades: "Eres Tu". It is a super old song from when I was young. But whenever we talk about the Kingdom of God I remember those kinds of songs. Songs that call us to overcome the moment in which we live and to give ourselves the courage to look for something bigger. The song says: "All my hope, it's you, it's you. Like fresh rain in my hands, like a strong breeze, it's you, it's you". It is worth risking your life to build the Kingdom of God on earth. It is worth working and fighting for justice, for social inequity.

In my life I have seen how there are so many young people looking for a greater meaning in their lives. Because I am here? What is my life for? "Where your treasure is, your heart will be" Matthew 6, 21. Jesus warns us about what we value in this world, and today, he gives us examples of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Such illustrative examples, referring to things that most people long to have, wealth. How happy we would be if our work increased our salary or increased our position, how happy we would be if in the business we started, we would sell large amounts, how happy we would be if we won the lottery ... if we think only this way, it is because our treasure, is the material. The kingdom of heaven does not compare with the riches of this world, Jesus asks us not to limit our lives to encompass only material things that at the end of time will stay there, and neither you, nor I, nor our children will finish enjoying them. Mecedades says love is like fresh rain, like a breeze. Let the Lord be that rain that renews your heart and invites you to work for something great, perhaps there is no physical reward, but it is something great that will lead you to find your reason for living. It is worth making a living in building the Kingdom here on earth.



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**Commitment:** We invite you to take a few moments of inner silence and talk to God about your commitments to Jesus. What do you need to offer the Lord during these difficult times? What does Jesus want to do with you during this pandemic? Ask the Lord, what do you want from me? After your experience, write it down or share it with someone.

<https://www.facebook.com/RevolucionActivaRadio/>

**Prayer:** I invite you to listen to the song of Kairy Marquez - "Encontre mi Lugar" Proposed by our friends at Revolucion Activa Let yourself be flooded by the feeling of hope..<https://youtu.be/1qexXbMGN14>



"Me, join the enemies of Christ the King? Never better shoot me?"

- St. Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio



Lord Jesus, today we do not want to ask you for material riches, today we want to be like your servant Solomon, in asking you for wisdom and intelligence, discernment between good and evil, so that, in

At every stage of our life, we can always choose what is right and do your will, because your laws are perfect and your designs too. Jesus, you are the treasure hidden in the field, make us not want anything other than You, you are the net that is thrown into the sea, you call the whole world, but only the good and the just will be with you. Jesus, may our gaze never depart from you, love.

St. Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio, Pray for us



**The Way of the Heart:** This week we invite you to live your Baptism and look around you. Who needs your help? It doesn't have to be something big, it can be a smile, a call, a look. Build the Kingdom of God today.

Let us pray for the Holy Father, our Bishops, ecclesial and civic leaders. The Pope's intention for Julio is to pray for families: "In this time we live, therefore, families need to be supported, strengthened," accompanied with love, respect and advice. "

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