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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

“A Change of Heart, A Life of Faith”

When we are asked to do something for our family, school, parish, or community, how do we respond? Do we do it simply because we must, or with love and care? How we answer that question reveals much about the kind of people we are and our relationship with God.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of a landowner who planted a vineyard and entrusted it to tenants. When harvest time came, he sent his servants to collect the fruit. Instead of welcoming them, the tenants mistreated them. Some were beaten, others were killed. Still, the landowner did not give up. He sent more servants, and they were treated the same way. Finally, he sent his own son, hoping they would respect him. Yet they seized him and killed him as well.

What strikes me most in this story is the landowner's patience and trust. He kept giving the tenants another chance, hoping they would do the right thing. But sadly, they chose selfishness over responsibility and greed over gratitude.

Jesus told this parable because many of the religious leaders of His time had forgotten their mission. God had entrusted His people to their care, yet instead of helping them grow closer to God, they often burdened them and rejected those God sent to guide them. In the end, they even rejected Jesus, the Son of God.

But this Gospel is not only about them. It is also about us. God has entrusted something valuable to each of us. For some, it is their family. For others, it is their work, ministry, friends, or community. Each of us has a place in the Lord's vineyard and has been given gifts and responsibilities.

The Lord asks us to bear fruit, not great achievements or impressive accomplishments, but the simple fruits of a Christian life, love, kindness, patience, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and faithfulness.

Our world today needs these fruits more than ever. We see so much anger, division, and hatred around us. People are hurting, lonely, and searching for hope. As followers of Christ, we are called to be signs of God's love. A kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart, a listening ear, or a simple act of generosity can make God's presence felt in someone's life.

Today's question for us is simple: What kind of fruit am I offering to God? Am I bringing peace amid conflict? Am I showing mercy amid hurt? Am I sharing God's love with those around me?

The Lord has placed great trust in us. May we never take that trust for granted. Instead, let us serve Him with grateful hearts. Let us work in His vineyard not out of obligation but out of love for Him. When the Lord comes to look for the fruits of His vineyard, may He find in us hearts filled with faith, hands ready to serve, and lives that reflect His love.

Let us be good and faithful stewards in the Lord's vineyard.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual