



From the Gospel of Mt. 21:28-32
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
CMT - Asia

WALK YOUR TALK

Today's Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32 on the *Parable of the two sons* presented us with three characters to reflect on. The *chief priest and elders* (to whom Jesus was conversing and on the later part told them boldly "*Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you*"), the *first son* (whose first response was rebellious but after obeyed), and the *second son* (who initially said yes but did not do afterwards).

Few years ago in the Philippines this line "Walk your Talk" became *viral* as we call it at present. It was the themes of encounters, conferences and formations at that certain period. Reminds everyone to be coherent especially in a vague reality, to struggle to be constant in an inconsistent structures and system, to be faithful in the midst of so much infidelity wherein people arose to question "forever" and beginning the culture of "to obey is just conformity."

Similar with the two sons in the Gospel, in one way or another, we too can identify ourselves in these figures. Let us humble ourselves before God and ask for his grace to let us be interrogated by the Gospel, on how we are living our vows mainly the vow of obedience and of our following of Christ. Let us beg the Holy Spirit to grant us sincerity of heart to see our incoherent in living out the Gospel, our inconsistencies to incarnate in our daily lives our Palautian Charism and Spirituality, and our lies "of our pretentious attitudes to be good and righteous."

"Like Jesus, we may live attentive to the will of God, wanting what He wants and not wanting what He does not want" (cf. Cons. no. 16). May Gods' mercy and love renew "the old and rotten" in us. So, we can shine brightly his image and likeness "*the God in us.*" Men and women proclaimers of Church-Communion (cf. Cons. no.22).