

"A good leader sees everything, overlooks a great deal and corrects a little."

St. John Paul II



SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Psalms 33: 2-9

Ephesians 4: 30 – 5: 2

John 6: 41-51

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and ready to give up on life altogether. God heard Elijah's prayers, but instead of granting his wish, **He saw what Elijah truly needed: consolation and sustenance for the long journey.** Trusting in God and spurred on by the encouragement of the angels, Elijah made the long journey to the mountain of God.

In the Gospel reading, the Jews could not understand how Jesus could claim to be the bread that came from heaven when he was obviously just as human as they. Yet, Jesus invites them to look beyond mere appearances and to believe in him, because he was the only one who could provide what they truly needed in their journey to God's kingdom. As he said, no one has seen God except the One who comes from God and anyone who believes in the One sent by God receives eternal life.

As baptized Christians, we receive the Eucharist to strengthen ourselves on the journey, following the one whom God has sent to show the way. Jesus, our leader, is not an unattainable ideal, but a human person just like us, who experienced the frustrations of living just as we do. He is not a master who does not understand, but one who, knowing all that we go through, knows exactly what we need for our journey and never ceases to provide for us as he provided for Elijah. In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul calls us to imitate God who loves us and to follow Christ, loving each other as he loved us.

Those of us who have experienced the love and goodness of God, who believe in his leadership, in turn become his servants, who lead and encourage our disheartened brothers and sisters in their journey to the mountain of God. To be servant leaders is not just to be leaders who serve the people, but to be leaders who can see beyond the material demands of life and understand that God alone can truly fulfil all our needs.❖

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**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).**

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Receiving In Leadership

Have you ever prayed to be spared of living? In the first reading, that was what Elijah did. When we are faced with difficulties, challenges and especially stubbornness from the people around us, as in Elijah's case, we can sometimes feel weary with the world

