



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3

Psalms 26: 1, 4, 13-14

1 Corinthians 1: 10- 13, 17

Matthew 4: 12-23

(or 4: 12-17)



the Lord preaches, and thereafter he calls his first disciples. Through a series of radical shifts in their lives, these men become *fishers of men* and they go down in biblical history making the Kingdom present in their midst.

How do families experience the Kingdom in its present reality? Where the King is, there the Kingdom shall be. When a household is plagued by financial concerns, health crisis, or relentless pressure to keep up with the demands of family life, the Light of Christ can be dimmed or can feel distant. Yet, it is precisely into this reality that the Kingdom breaks through.

A Christ-centred family keeps the Light alive by being vulnerable and real before God in prayers. 'Give us this day our daily bread,' is a heartfelt plea to Divine Providence. The Psalmist tells us *to wait on the Lord with courage and be stout-hearted*. For in our vulnerability, we make room for the Holy Spirit to make present the Kingdom. **Our human nature tells us to hoard for rainy days when we have surpluses, but the Kingdom of God tells us to give, trusting in His Providence.** It is from giving at the times when one is most pinched that shows a powerful declaration of faith – a family who shows that their security is not in the bank balance is a family on mission for the King.

In our BECs, we have elderly members with their wealth of experiences. They share stories of relationships money cannot buy. Sharing material needs foster incredible communitarian spirit. The early Christian community in Acts 2:42 embodies this: *'They had everything in common, and there was no needy person among them.'*

Every concerted effort will eventually bear fruit. We must strive to make the Kingdom present in our midst. St Paul in urging the believers in Corinth is urging us not to be divided but to be united in one mind and purpose.

Lord, may Your Kingdom come, and Your Will be done.✝

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"In families we first learn how to discern and decide together, accept and exercise authority that is loving and life giving, and to be co-responsible and accountable."

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The Kingdom In Our Midst

The prophecy of Israel declares that *'the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.'* By quoting Isaiah, Matthew positions Jesus' ministry in the ancient prophetic hope. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali (Galilee) is the land *'living in darkness and overshadowed by death.'*

The public ministry of Jesus in Galilee fulfils not only *the* ancient hope, but also ushers in the Kingdom. 'Repent, the Kingdom is at hand',