

HOMILY SUNDAY VI ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

BUT I SAY TO YOU

Brothers and sisters... Sometimes the Gospel sounds a little difficult to follow... for example, the passage we have heard today...

Now it is not enough **not to kill**... we cannot even hold on to anger...

It is not enough **not to commit adultery**... we cannot even look with a disordered heart...

It is not enough to simply fulfill the law... **now it seems everything is more demanding**...

But in reality... Jesus does not complicate life... He makes it more real... He Himself says... **I have not come to abolish the law, but to bring it to fulfillment**...

That is... to take it to its root... to its deepest intention... **And that root always is and always will be love**...

Jesus does not remain on the surface... He goes to the heart of things... It is not enough not to kill... Because we may not take a life... **but we can wound with words**... We may not destroy a person... **but we can destroy a relationship**...

That is why the Lord invites us to be reconciled... not to let anger grow... True faith protects communion... Because sin does not begin in the action... it begins in **the intention... in the look... in what we allow to grow within**...

It is not enough to comply outwardly... Jesus does not want a correct appearance... He wants **a clean heart... a free heart... a heart capable of loving truly**...

That is why He tells us something even simpler... and deeper... Let your **yes** be yes... And your **no** be no...

Jesus wants a coherent life... That we do not need to reinforce our words with oaths... That we do not live with double intentions... That we do not say one thing and live another...

The greater righteousness Jesus speaks about is not about doing more things... **It is about living with authenticity**... It is not perfectionism... **it is Truth**...

And yes! **That requires something**...

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It requires forgiving when it is hard...

It requires guarding the heart...

It requires being consistent even when no one sees us...

And the truth also sets us free... **it truly sets us free**... Because when life is real... **the heart rests**... When **yes** is yes... and **no** is no... we live in peace... and no one can take that from you...

Providentially... this is the last Sunday before we begin Lent... And it is not by chance that today the Lord speaks to us about reconciliation... purity of heart... and truth...

Perhaps He is giving us an examination for the journey that is coming... Lent is a time to be reconciled... to guard the heart... and to live in Truth...

A time to be reconciled...

With whom do I need to take the first step?

Who have I left waiting for a word... a phone call... forgiveness?

Sometimes it is not a great conflict... It is a distance... a silence... a wound that has lasted too long...

A time to guard the heart...

What am I allowing into my gaze... into my thoughts... into my conversations?

What do I need to cleanse... to reorder... to place in the Lord's hands?

Because the heart becomes stained little by little... and it is also healed little by little...

A time to live in the truth...

So that my **yes** to God may be real... Not only in words... but in concrete decisions... Not only in church... but at home... at work... in what is hidden...

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My dear friends... Perhaps today Jesus is preparing us... Not with heavy demands...

But with a clear invitation... **Live truly**...

Today the Lord is not asking something impossible of us... He is inviting us to live truly... May this Eucharist help us move from a faith that is merely correct... To a faith that is authentic... From a life that only complies... To a life that loves... And may our **yes** to God... **Be a clear yes**... sincere... **and without reservation**.

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