

Brothers and sisters... We live in a world where everything seems to have to be resolved quickly...

We want quick answers, quick changes, quick results... And many times, **we also expect people to change quickly...**

Nevertheless, today's readings show us that God doesn't act with that kind of urgency...

In the first reading, the Book of Wisdom tells us that, although God is almighty, **He judges with mercy...** And then it adds a line that I find truly beautiful...

He fills His children with hope because He always gives the opportunity for repentance... *Beautiful!* And the Gospel presents us with that very same idea...

When the servants discover the weeds, they want to pull them up immediately... **It seems like the most logical decision...** But the owner of the field says... **No!**

Not because evil doesn't matter to him...

Not because it's better to ignore the problem and simply wait to see what happens...

Not because he cannot tell the difference between the wheat and the weeds...

The owner says no, **because he still sees something that the others cannot yet see...**

He still sees a story that isn't finished...

He still sees a life that can change...

He still sees another opportunity...

I believe that this is one of the greatest differences between the way we look at people and the way God looks at them... Very often, we reduce people: To one mistake, to one wrong decision, to one difficult period in their lives, to one unfinished chapter...

But God always sees beyond that... He never stops offering another opportunity...
He never stops believing that His grace can transform a heart...

And that is good news for all of us! Because all of us need someone who believes
in us...

When we're still learning...

When we're still struggling...

When there are still wounds in our lives that need healing...

All of us need someone who looks at us with mercy, who loves us enough to give us
another opportunity to change...

The rest depends on us, on whether we open our hearts and allow God to transform
our lives...

My dear friends... Today the Lord teaches us something of His own patience... To
look at others with greater hope, **to look at ourselves with that same
confidence**...

In a world marked by tension, division, conflict, and the tendency to reject those
who're different from us...

**The Word of God invites us to rediscover the value of patience, understanding,
and hope**... Because God never gives up on a person... And as long as there is the
possibility of returning to Him, there will always be reasons to keep hoping.

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