



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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**T**his last week one of the Gospel readings during a weekday mass spoke of the landowner who hired various people at different times of the day to work in his field. At the end of the day, he paid everyone the same amount, even though some worked more hours than others. All of them received a full-days wage. Those who had worked more hours complained that they were paid the same as those who worked less.

In this parable Jesus reminds us to not compare ourselves to others but to focus instead on the fact that God gives us everything that we need. What a simple and profound message! God promises us OUR "daily bread". He doesn't promise to make everyone the same. He doesn't promise that all will be given the same blessings. He doesn't promise us tomorrow's "daily bread".

Often times when I ask you how you are, you respond, "Father, I am blessed". That is inspiring! I know many of you have physical and financial difficulties. I know that, like me, you have other personal challenges. But we can all live, by faith, in the joyful knowledge that we are truly blessed. God has already given us all that we need.... for today!

God Bless,  
**Father Jonathan**

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