

JUNE 5, 2020
Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
Mark 12: 35-37

“THE LORD RESCUED ME”

In our First Reading, St. Paul gives us a warning and an advice especially when we are in trouble, experiencing suffering and difficulties: “You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”¹

Our Christian faith and life are not easy, and we can not endure this without God’s grace and help, and those people who can be our inspiration to continue in life. We need mentors like the apostles, holy men and women and all faithful Christians to keep us in the truth to profess the faith and live what God wants us to do. “If our Catholics are weak in faith, it is because our parents, our teachers, our priests and our leaders are weak in faith. The only way to ensure that we will be able to stand up to the faith and be witnesses for Christ, and to serve humbly, faithfully and courageously against all oppositions and trials, is when we have good mentors and leaders to show us the way.”² We are called to be mentors and teachers. So, be strong in faith and be witnesses to others. Be a good example. If we are weak how we can teach other about the faith? St. Paul is telling us keep, nurture, and live the faith so that others may do the same.

Let us ask the intercession of St. Boniface who faced discouragement and failure and learned from them. He heard God's message in the moments of his failure and used what he learned to serve God better. May St. Boniface inspires us to continue the works of God amidst failures, crisis, problems, and difficulties. St. Boniface pray for us. Amen.

¹ 2 Timothy 3: 10-12 NRSV Catholic Bible Press USA

² www.catholicsermons.com