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Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

“We must obey God rather than men.” Strong words from the fisherman from Galilee. The words of Peter made the Sanhedrin “infuriated” and they “wanted to put [the Apostles] to death”. As we go through life, we can experience similar moments where others, especially those who hold important positions in society and even in the Church, do not agree with our beliefs or our lived experience of faith. This is now actually occurring in the United States and other countries around the world – people persecuted for what they believe. Take courage, because “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” Peter and the Apostles are justified sinners, forgiven and loved by Jesus. They have “take[n] refuge in [the Lord]” and have been “blessed” because they believe “in the Son” and have “eternal life”. Poor does not mean lacking money but rather lacking education or other attributes that can make us “somebody” in the eyes of the world. Faith is the greatest of gifts, faith in the One who makes us rich with the “gift of the Spirit”.

God Love You!

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