

Today's readings reflect an attitude of the main characters.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading Job is having a very, very bad day. The reading is a downer, a bummer. It leaves us in the pits. The rest of the story is that eventually Job's attitude is transformed into one of unshakeable faith in God's goodness. And this is in spite of his enormous suffering.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Paul is upbeat, on the go, busy preaching the Good News. He has a positive, energetic, can-do attitude.

And in the Gospel, Jesus is busy healing, praying and preaching. His attitude is: I want to DO the Father's will. There are so many needs. I'll do the best I can.

What about us? What is our attitude today? Right now there may be so much over which we have little or very limited control. Certainly the state of the economy, our job situation, the value of our portfolio, the weather, our health, some of our relationships. The gift, freedom and opportunity we have...no matter the circumstance....is our attitude. This is a choice we get to make every moment of every day.

Sometimes we may have a JOB day. Everything seems to go wrong. We are frustrated. We feel at our wits end. Sometimes we may have a PAUL day. We are positive, upbeat, "I'm grateful to be alive" day. Sometimes we have a JESUS day. So much is asked of us....even demanded of us. We pray and do the best we can.

This week let's pay attention to our attitude. We might check it 3 times a day: morning, afternoon, and evening. Regardless of the givens of our day, we remain free to choose our attitude.

My sisters and brothers: whatever our attitude, let's see if we can do the best of which we are capable. Knowing that we can choose our attitude and that God is assisting us on our journey is GOOD NEWS, isn't it?