



July 8, 2018 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 101 Gospel MK 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Spiritual Reflection:

Mark makes it clear that Jesus still has the power to heal in today's Gospel. The reason He does not heal is because He is respecting everyone's free will. If Jesus is not working in your life? Have you really given Him permission?

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why does God respect our free will?
2. Why does God care so much about us?
3. Are you preventing God from working in your life?
4. What would you like God to do with you?
5. How does having free will show you that God loves you?