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The call to discipleship, to giving up the notion that somehow we can be saved by what we have or whom we are friends with, this is a hard thing for us to do. But the readings today, and especially the Gospel, give us no way out. Jeremiah makes it clear that those who trust in people are doomed, and Jesus, even more strongly makes the point, not only the poor to be considered blessed, since their actions parallel the prophets who relied only on God, the rich and the contented are cursed because they have been deceived into believing their own press, just like the false prophets in the Scriptures. Total reliance on God, being sure that nothing we have now can save us, these are hard concepts for those who have been given much to grasp.

That is why, no matter what our station in life, we must make the words of the psalmist our own, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." There is no other way, no other truth, no other life but that which comes from God.

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