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September 8th, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Luke 14: 25-33

Reflection: *“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his/her possessions cannot be my disciple.”*

There are many gods in our society now: money, power, social position, technology, sport, body image, house, car. The list goes on. These gods are seductive but illusory. The people I know who have it all together are those who let go of worrying about stuff and put God first in their lives. Jesus is our model for this: Put God first and we will learn how to recognise God in others – in our loved ones, our community, our world. If we get the order right, then money etc won't rule our lives. We will use these things for the benefit of others.

Fact File: Due to international exposure, child and forced labour is less prevalent in the fashion industry than twenty years ago. However, many of the largest global exporters, including China, India and Bangladesh are known to use child and/or forced labour in their garment production.

Learn More: About the working conditions of those who make your clothing.

<http://baptistworldaid.org.au/assets/Be-Fair-Section/FashionReport.pdf>

Take Action: Urge Fashion businesses to stop exploiting the poor. Use Baptist World Aid's Ethical Fashion Guide www.behindthebarcode.org.au Social Justice Sunday, September 29th, is about poverty – at home and around the world. Read the Statement “Lazarus at our gate.” www.acsjc.org.au



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