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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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An Excerpt from Today's Gospel

"If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

JOHN 14:7

Reflection

A great quest of humanity is to discover one's purpose, to have a sense of mission unique to each person. Having a sense of purpose is a great motivator, providing focus and encouragement. When that purpose is God-given, our mission is personally transformative and leaves its mark on the world. Jesus came to know himself as cherished by God, and in giving himself to God recognized that he was one with the Father. He knew himself to be the Beloved Son of God, who was sent to reflect perfectly who God is for us. He is the

tangible human face of God who is all love, compassion, and mercy.

This is our invitation as well, to be completely ourselves and gradually discover ourselves as unconditionally loved by God. Knowing myself as loved enables me to live and work and find my meaning in that Love reflected in all of creation. Here there is room for encouragement, forgiveness, and acceptance. In my own prayer I have come to treasure the reality of God's love and the mandate to BE God's Love, knowing that I do so in my very human condition.

I have come to embrace my purpose to mirror God's loving, abiding presence. This is a tall order, a grand mission, a seemingly impossible endeavor. Yet, this is who Jesus was and who I am called to be. I am never alone; rather God who dwells within me is inspiring, leading, and holding me in love that I am invited to give away. As my Dad would say, "When things are tough, the tough get going." In this case, loving -- even in difficult circumstances.

Knowing myself to be loved by my parents, family, friends and relations opens the way to the realization of God's great love. In my role as spiritual director and mentor over the years, I have been blessed to companion people on their journey into God, embracing the loved and wounded places. And I have also wept with people as they share their woundedness at the lack of love. Even without all the human connections to love, it is possible to find the way to the realization of God's life and love within us. Sometimes, it only takes one consistent experience of kindness, love, acceptance, of being seen.

We are called to be in relationship with God and one another. As Jesus did, we are to reflect the loving presence and desire of God that each soul recognize how precious and loved she or he is. We are to be God's compassionate presence, being the face of Love, offering mercy, forgiveness as needed. The invitation is clear, to be embraced by Love so to be Love for others as best as we can each day.



Reflective Lake
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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- How do I know myself as deeply and personally loved by God?
 - How do I give away what I treasure of God's love for me?
 - What is my God-given mission, vision, purpose in life?
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For Prayer

*Loving God,
draw me into a moment of silence, of enlightenment and peace,
so I might be here with you.
Embrace me in your abiding love, awaken me to your presence.
Open the inner doors of my heart to the infinite silence that is You loving me.
Draw me into the deep abyss of your love
so I might then BE your love in every encounter of this day.
You are the love I desire, and the Love I seek to give away.*

*In your Loving Spirit I pray and give thanks.
Amen.*

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