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Center for Spiritual Development

Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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DOING THE WORKS OF JESUS

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Excerpt from Today's Gospel

*Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
and will do greater ones than these,
because I am going to the Father.
And whatever you ask in my name,
I will do,
so that the Father may be glorified
in the Son.
If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.*

JOHN 14:12-14

Reflection

The readings today reveal our God-given Mission and source of our strength. Ours is a faith in action: to do the works Jesus did. I not only believe in Jesus, but I also act as Jesus did, witnessing to the great love of God for all of humanity

and creation. I follow in the manner of Jesus' own ministry: healing the sick, freeing the captive body, mind, or spirit; attending to the physical needs of those who are poor to teach and reveal the great love, mercy, and compassion of God.

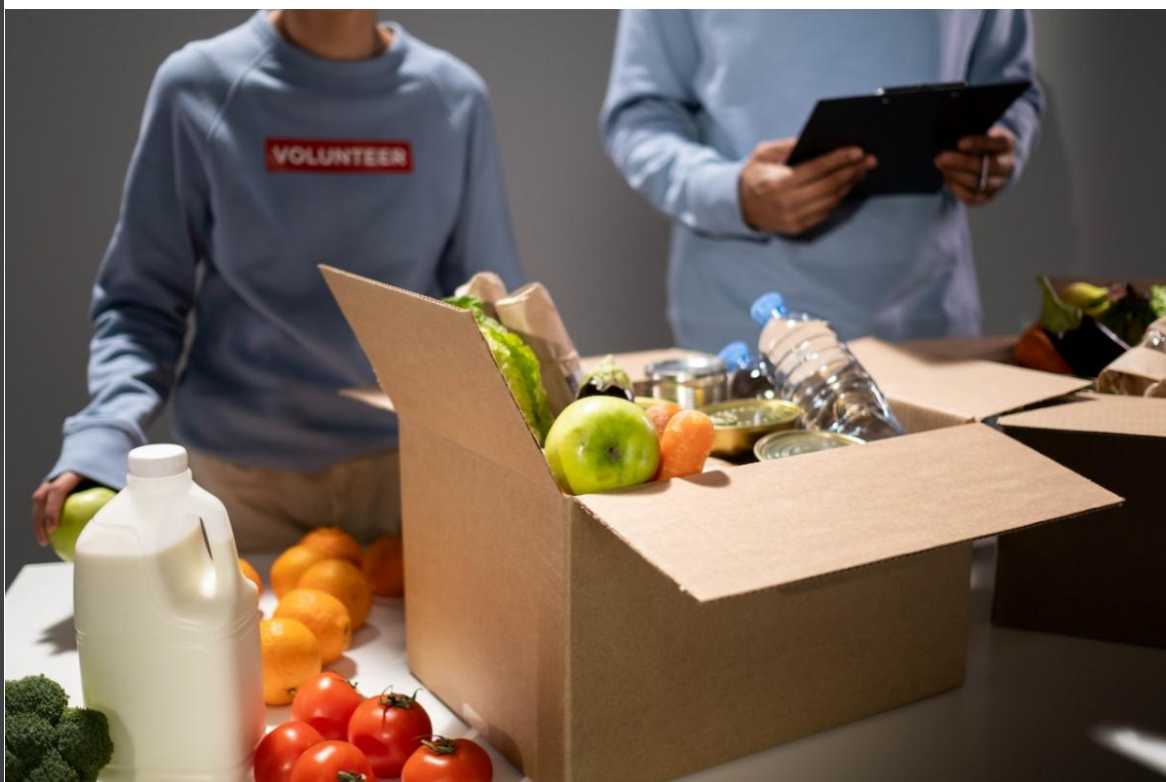
Doing what Jesus did seems daunting and yet this is our faith. All who follow the way of Jesus by profession of faith or in desire, are to live and work in the gentle strength, compassion, and mercy of Jesus. Enormous needs press upon the world and all who live in it. As greed for power, violence, war, and poverty proliferate, our mission to serve expands. By God's grace, we are the light in the darkness.

Many people near and far do not have sufficient food, shelter, clothing, or human support. Those of us who have what we need and more, are called to address the needs of those who struggle for basic survival. Then, there are also spiritual and emotional needs. Perhaps these needs are the great equalizer for those of us who live in the human condition. You and I are loved and sent to serve in whatever way we are able today; sent to act without judgement, to respond in love and compassion in the way of Jesus.

Steeped in a personal relationship with Jesus I am enabled to serve with humble zeal. I rely on his promise of help. I do not serve or attend to others alone. Instead, I have access to God's grace and presence. As Jesus did, I call upon the power of God, for

***. . . whatever you ask in my name, I will do,
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.***

John 14:13-14



For Pondering & Prayer

Go on the internet and search for a version of “The Servant Song,” such as the one sung by David Haas with lyrics by Richard Gillard, or renditions by other artists. Listen to and meditate on the words:

*“Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too....”*

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