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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH EASTER

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GOD WITHIN AND AMONG US

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Excerpt from Today's Reading

"So now I tell you, have nothing to do with these men, and let them go. For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them; you may even find yourselves fighting against God."

ACTS 5:38-39

Reflection

Have you ever noticed that the Easter Season is especially rich in illuminating the work of God among us? It seems to me that I discover God in the small surprises of presence when I least expect it: the beauty of the evening sky, the loving presence of family members, the healing of broken relationships; in the miracle stories and in the witness of the apostles in the first reading as they cast away fear and live in the light of the resurrected Jesus.

Faith-filled lives witness to God's work among us in the ordinary and in the miracles of seemingly unknown origin. As we allow our belief and trust to open us

to perceive the good as given to us, God sustains us, enriches our lives with small and great miracles. It is not about figuring out “the why” or “the how” of the gift. Rather, it is about opening the eyes of faith and seeing the glimmers of grace, fellowship, belonging, beauty, love, joy, and peace that are present.

Whatever is happening in my life and in yours, find the touchstones of God’s presence and movement in the most ordinary things, people, and happenings. Our lives speak of God in the manner of our being. Easter offers me the opportunity to recognize God’s presence even in the most challenging times. Acts of love, compassion, and mercy flow from God with us. If what I say and do reflects the manner of Jesus, then I am confident that what is experienced “*comes from God, then nothing will be able to destroy [the good we can do].*”



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For Pondering

- Where have I recognized the movement of grace in my life and in those I encounter?
 - How am I being invited to witness to God among us?
 - What graces/gifts of God am I most grateful for and what grace do I seek?
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For Prayer

Gracious God, I thank you for your abiding presence among us. Open my heart and soul to perceive you in every encounter. May you be the grounding for my being and living each day so my life might witness to you in ordinary ways. May all that is you flow through me. May your gentle strength be the hallmark of my living. Amen

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