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Daily Reflections

Journeying through Easter



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REMAIN IN ME

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Excerpts from Today's Readings

*“...**God made his choice among you** that through my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the Gospel and believe. **And God, who knows the heart**, bore witness by granting them the Holy Spirit just as he did us. **He made no distinction** between us and them, for by faith he purified their hearts.”*

ACTS 15:7-9

*“**Announce his salvation, day after day.** Tell his glory among the nations, among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.”*

PSALM 96:3

*“Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. **Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will***

remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

JOHN 15:9-11

Reflection

How good Jesus is to us, teaching us, showing his ways to those who believe and are open to his words! He has given every teaching so we can remain in the Father's love.

Jesus set the example of His life for us: humbly taking human flesh; rightly giving praise to the Father; living in obscurity for 30 years, patiently waiting for the acceptable time, and acting justly during his three years of ministerial life. He generously attended to those who needed his care, his healing, and his forgiveness, and loved tenderly into eternity all He encountered in his life, without distinction, even those who will be gathered by the Holy Spirit in His name. He showed us the immensity of His love when He spread His arms on the Cross.

Jesus also shows us the face of God. He said He knows the Father and the Father knows Him. In the Easter season, we are given images of God and of Jesus:

Savior who defeats death so we can have life everlasting.

Divine Mercy whose love endures forever.

Ever-patient God who teaches the apostles until they open their minds and understand the Scriptures.

Good Shepherd who looks for even one lost sheep, including those who do not belong to the fold, maybe including the good goats.

True Vine, which provides the sap for the branches to grow and bear fruit.

Remain in Jesus' love, keep his commandments, love God, and love one another! I know it is easy to say, and as humans we fail. When I was caring for my parents, and I had some time to spare, I often went to the Blessed Sacrament to find respite. A few times, I fell asleep. Do you think God did not hear my prayers? Did Jesus think I did not remain in His love?

God knows the heart. God is the God of chances. This is the beauty of God. God is not rigid; God is not unforgiving. God chose us from the very beginning. God chose to love us and to keep loving us. God's love endures forever. The

question is: do we want to remain in God's love, in Jesus' love? How do you want to respond?



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For Pondering

- How do you remain in Jesus' love?
 - If you have gone through a dreadful experience, recall how you remained in Jesus' love. What emotions did you experience? How did you feel Jesus' joy in you? How does your experience propel you to love Jesus/God more?
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For Prayer

O Beautiful Jesus, Fount of Love and Goodness:

Help us to remain in Your love.

Help us to love God and one another always.

Help us so our joy may be complete.

Amen.

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