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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Excerpt from Today's Gospel

The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God."

JOHN 10:31-33

Reflection

Today's readings highlight the mounting tension with the Temple leaders, and the defenders of the Law and Covenant. Jesus most surely prayed the psalm response: ***In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice*** (Psalm 18:7). For Jesus and for us, the question remains--How do I

know myself before God?

***In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.***

Tension mounts,
Struggle for known order
Protectors of faith and tradition
hold tightly to narrow vision.

***In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.***

Mission of God among us
Discerned identity misunderstood.
Good works by the Son of God
Misconstrued and ignored.

***In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.***

Temple leaders make their authority felt.
Blasphemy on every side.
Stones thrown in condemnation.
Spitting anger and hatred.
Violence justified by Law.

***In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.***

Father, I know who I am.
I am Your Son.
Fidelity to the One,
Good works abound
Mission fulfilled
Love made manifest.

***In my distress I called upon the Lord,
and he heard my voice.***



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For Pondering

- For what good works could I be stoned today?
- What does fidelity to God ask of me?

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