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Daily Reflections



Center for Spiritual Development

BEAR ALL FOR THE SAKE OF THE OTHER

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An Excerpt from Today's First Reading

Beloved:

*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, **I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.***

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-10

Reflection

The quote above from the letter to Timothy surges with passion and commitment to Word of God, and as such, to the ways of God. Having been held in God's love, nothing is too much to bear for the love of God in the person

of Jesus. The author is willing to suffer anything so that the Word of God is freely proclaimed and received, and flourishes in each soul.

Have you known such desire in your life, especially for those you cherish? At times I, too, have experienced this great desire for God and zeal for God's ways within my own being. I feel the inner surge of love, desiring only good for those I love, serve, befriend.

The Jesuit founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Jean Pierre Medaille, knew in his soul the extravagant love of God and sought to BE God's love in the world. He speaks of the aim of our vocation as sublime, for the aim is God's Great Love, for oneself and for all the people of God -- everyone!

You and I are invited to respond with our lives to "The Call to the More." Always moving toward profound love of God and neighbor without distinction. Even as I write, I sense the dynamism of grace stirring up love and desire that all come to know and be held in God's embrace. The source and center of such magnanimity most certainly is of the Spirit of God at home in us.

Maxim Seven

In the manifestation of zeal characteristic of your very humble vocation, imitate the fervor of the most zealous and embrace in desire the salvation and perfection of a whole world in a spirit replete with a true humility and a generous courage. This will bring you to wish to do everything, to suffer everything, and to undertake everything for the advancement of the glory of God and the salvation of the dear neighbor.

Or more simply stated:

"Desire to embrace the whole world with the fire of God's great dream."



Grayscale Photography of People Worshiping
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For Pondering

- When have I experienced a great desire for God?
 - What is your deepest desire that you seek for those you most love?
 - What motivates you and gives you strength to continue, despite obstacles and setbacks?
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For Prayer

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.*

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

*Good and upright is the LORD; thus God shows sinners the way.
God guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.*

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

*All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep
God's covenant and decrees.*

*The friendship of the LORD is with those who [love] God, and God's covenant,
for their instruction.*

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Amen! Alleluia!

PSALM 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

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