

The Choice

I am constantly amazed at the weekly journey that I experience as a Parish Priest. The people I meet, the conversations held and the circumstances that occur are always varied and interesting. Many of the moments are often revelatory in character. No, not in some grand way, but rather in subtle, quiet ways, that have the potential of enhancing one's spiritual quest in and through Jesus Christ. Often, I am called upon to examine my own life and see how it does or does not relate to the Gospels. Sometimes I am aware that the two are in sync, yet at other moments how divergent they can be. Nonetheless, such moments are wonderful opportunities to see how the Gospel can work within our own being.

All of us have disabilities whether they be physical, mental, spiritual or emotional. Regardless of the state we are in, God calls us to choose the wholeness which is unique to our situation. Disabilities are not excuses to live apart from God, for we do have choices. And although we are not always free to choose our circumstances, we are free to choose our attitudes towards our circumstances.

Many of the scriptural readings focus attention upon the fact that God wishes to restore all people into wholeness. Many of our daily happenings can be seen as vehicles through which such a journey can be accomplished. The real question is whether we wish to avail ourselves to the healing. God seeks us, but are we willing to trust and respond to his love, to his wisdom, or to his healing grace. The peace and joy that come with being restored to wholeness needs to be our vision, our prayer and our call to action.

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