

Reflection for Friday 4th Week of Easter 2020

A story of GOOD NEWS told by Anthony de Mello SJ.

Jesus began to teach in parables.

He said: The kingdom of God is like two brothers who were called by God to give up all they had and serve humanity. The older responded to the call though he had to tear himself away from his fiancée and his family and go off to a distant land to spend himself in the service of the poor. Years later he was imprisoned for his work, tortured and put to death. And the Lord said, "Well done my good and faithful servant! You gave me a thousand measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord." The younger boy ignored the call. He married the girl he loved and prospered in his business. He was kind to his wife and children and gave occasional alms to the poor, including to his brother's mission. And when he came to die, the Lord said, "Well done my good and faithful servant! You gave me twenty measures of service. I shall now give you a thousand million measures of beatitude. Enter into the joy of your Lord." When the older boy was told that his brother was to get the same reward as he, he was surprised. And he rejoiced. "Lord," he said, "had I known this at the time you called me I know I would have done exactly what I did for love of you."

Everything that Jesus did he did for us and would not have done anything less or changed anything. Jesus even prepared a place for each of us in heaven and put our name on it. We will all receive the same reward however faithful (or not) we have been. Living life for others is not about what happens later; we live life for others because it makes all the difference **NOW!**

Pause Breathe wait for it . . .

**What do you call bears with no ears?
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