

Reflection Tuesday Week 14 2020

One of the most endearing features of Jesus was his compassion for people. Much as they were awestruck with and wondered at his miracles, it was his compassion that moved them the most. Jesus genuinely loved the people among whom he moved, even those who kept finding fault with him. Combining compassion with Jesus helps us discover its ingredients: warmth, affirmation, love, empathy, welcome, uplift, joy, and so much more. Just think of what those who rejected him were missing. Jesus would have been more concerned at what they were missing than the fact that they found fault with him. To be a disciple, to be a labourer of the harvest, demands that you be compassionate like Jesus. As **Pope Francis says** *“Compassion allows you to see reality; compassion is like the lens of the heart: it allows us to take in and understand the true dimensions. In the Gospels, Jesus is often moved by compassion. Compassion is the language of God. Our God is a God of compassion, and compassion - we can say – is the weakness of God, but also God’s strength. Compassion takes us along the path to true justice. and this always saves us from selfishness, from indifference, from our own closure.”*

Macrina Wiederkehr even found compassion for her foot when she writes: *The theme I've chosen for this month of July is compassion. Everywhere I turn, everywhere I look, I see opportunities for compassion. Right now, I'm looking very closely at my own foot. I have to tote around with me this big black boot. It's the foot inside that I am showering with compassion. The poor innocent foot suffered trauma in an unfortunate car accident!*

Look out for your opportunities of compassion today! They may be nearer than you think!!

No half measures

I was about to eat my hamburger when an old lady approached me and begged for food... Feeling pity for her I gave her half of my burger. Turns out she was a Fairy.

Poof!! The fairy appears and says:

Because of your kindness I will grant you one wish.

So, I said: Really? I want a brand-new Ferrari!

And POOF! there it was: **Half a Ferrari**

