

Reflection Good Friday 2021

The call today is to journey with Jesus during the final few hours of his life. It will need great courage and cause great personal suffering once the words of the Prophet Isaiah are read. Many would want to be Veronica and reach out to ease Jesus' suffering, offer some kindness amidst his obvious agony, or, want to be Simon of Cyrene and help carry his cross. Whether or not Simon accepted the Cross willingly, it led to his conversion as it has for many after him. Although seeking understanding and asking many questions why, only in being deeply affected by journeying with Christ will Christ be able to speak to your suffering, your scars, traumas and flaws of life, which Christ so wants to do.

Macrina Wiederkehr reflects on a flawed bowl that she bought.

The crack through the dish is smooth and finished and adds to the beauty. Whether the artist purposely made the dish in this fashion or whether it was a flaw repaired and covered up doesn't really matter. This beautiful vessel can be seen as a metaphor for life. Each of us is broken in some way. It is easy to look at oneself and others and focus on the crack in our spirits, our brokenness. Each of us is flawed. It might be helpful for each of us to sit down and ask ourselves: how am I flawed? In the same breath, though, we need to remind ourselves that we are not only flawed. That's not all I am! That's not all you are! That's not all we are! We are blessed and if we choose, we can be a blessing even with the flaw. There is a depth in each of us that we have not yet discovered. Some stars are so far away their light has not yet reached the earth; the same is true for us. Some of your light has not yet reached your family, your friends, your world. There are pieces of compassion, forgiveness, courage, hope and love in you that you have not fully discovered. (This is what Jesus set free within us amidst all our flaws.)

Journeying with Christ today will help us believe this and, in believing, offer him the comfort of knowing his passion was worthwhile.