

## Reflection Wednesday Week 6 – 2022

Do you ever think that Jesus couldn't not help people in need, especially when he was asked to heal someone like the blind man? Yet, Mark makes it obvious throughout his gospel that Jesus did not want to be known as a miracle worker. Wasn't Jesus' real purpose to heal the rift between us and the Father by showing us how much the Father loves us and yearns for our love in return? No matter what we have done, however evil, the Father wants our friendship and love. The Father wants to be fully part of our lives. It could be argued that Jesus' aim was to do himself out of a job for he knew that with the Father's presence, in and with us, everything is possible. Jesus knew this from his own experience of collaborating with the Father and the Father working through him. This not only shows Jesus' immense trust in us but also the trust of the Father.

James reminds us of the power of the Word. The Word that became flesh in Jesus; the Word that is creative of life. The more we live the Word of God the more we can become instruments of the Father strengthening the life force of all those we encounter.

*Richard Rohr: The final and full Word of God is that spiritual authority lies not just in ancient texts but in the living Christ of history, church, community, creation, and our own experience confirming its truth. The mystery is "Christ among you, your hope of glory" (Col 1:27)—this is the living Bible! Keep one foot in both camps—the historical text and the present moment—and in your fullest moments you will find yourself also saying "it (The Kingdom of God) is like..." Words are fingers pointing to the moon, but words are never the moon itself. Not knowing this has kept much religion infantile, arrogant, and even dangerous.*

- I was hoping to steal some leftovers from the party. But my plans were foiled!
- **What do you call someone wearing a belt with a watch attached to it? A waist of time!!**
- I suffer from insomnia, so I started sleeping in the fireplace. Now I sleep like a **log!**