

Reflection Thursday 5th Week Lent 2022

Abraham reminds us that we are the people of the Promise. But we are also people of promise because of Abraham. Jesus, knowing this, wanted us to be able to fulfil that of which we are capable and came to show us how. It could be argued that Jesus did not help himself in the way he engaged with the Scribes and Pharisees. Instead of playing politics and engaging in fruitless argument, Jesus simply spoke the truth and, although the truth sets you free, it can also hurt. There is no benefit trying to put people into boxes we think they ought to be in, which is what the Jewish leaders wanted to do with Jesus. The Truth will set us free but only if we hand our lives completely over to Jesus. Jesus will help us discover our true potential and the inner beauty of the people around us along with the wonder that emanates from them. This cannot be done without him. Only Jesus can help us believe the truth about ourselves and therefore others, and that we are truly made in God's image.

Macrina Wiederkehr puts it this way:

I will believe the truth about myself

no matter how beautiful it is:

I believe in my power

to transform indifference into love.

I believe I have an amazing gift

to keep hope alive in the face of despair.

I believe I have the remarkable skill

of deleting bitterness from my life.

I believe in my budding potential

to live with a nonviolent heart.

I believe in my passion to speak the truth

even when it isn't popular.

I believe I have the strength of will

to be peace in a world of violence.

I believe in my miraculous capacity

for unconditional love.

I will believe the truth about myself

no matter how beautiful it is.

Jesus is proof of this!!!