

Reflection Wednesday 2nd Week of Easter 2022

Acts reveals the help the first disciples were given by God to preach the Gospel and, despite the hostility of the leaders, they persevered no matter what. They were spurred on by the love that John speaks about in the Gospel. Jesus personified the love of God for them and the love and the light of Jesus gave them courage and conviction. We also know that eventually it led to their deaths. We have received the same light and love of Jesus, renewed and strengthened within us this Easter. Let our lives personify the love and light of Jesus for others that it may influence their lives for their good and for the good of all.

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If suffering can be rewarded, and patience learned as a skill,
endurance held as an honour, and tolerance taken at will,
if weariness still can hold triumph, though pain may be in control,
if courage can still be the master directing the heart and the soul;

If faith can be held as the victor, if God is still holding the reigns,
if the heart can rely on the Master, accepting all He ordains,
if time, which passes so slowly when life seems in such disarray,
when plans for the future lie dormant and life seems a trial day by day;

Then hope is the only solution, God's promise that all this will end;
perseverance in trials through strength that He will extend.
For prayers do not go unanswered, our pleas do not go unheard;
God in heaven is listening, and He will be true to His Word.

The challenges that you are facing, the hurt and the pain you endure,
are drawing you unto your Master, where all future plans are secure.
God will always walk with you, the road is not yours alone;
He is the great burden bearer, He loves you for you are His own.