

Reflection Monday week 20 – 2022

How easy it is to misunderstand the gospel. Too often we think that the Rich man in the gospel couldn't give more because of his wealth. In fact, his real riches are also our riches: freedom and control. Handing one's life over to Jesus means giving up your freedom and of being in control of your life. At least that is the way it appears from the outside. It is one of the accusations made against religious faith. Not only are we told that we have given away our freedom and control to others but we are also accused of failing in our responsibilities of life. This could not be further from the truth. The multitude of families who spend their lives caring for their children and for their parents when they grow old are most likely to discover the true meaning of life, the real richness of family life and the deep joy that comes from self-sacrifice. They discover the true meaning of freedom. This does not mean freedom from failures, suffering, disagreements, errors, even heartbreaks because they all add to and are even necessary in discovering true freedom and how much God loves us. God does not live our lives for us but, following his path, his way, we discover riches within us that we would never discover otherwise. In seeing how much God works with us, we see how important it is for us to work with others which means giving up control by sharing it with others. As we know, we are stronger together and stronger still when we work with God. In fact, we may even find that it is God working with us!!

If a sheep is in control of a country, it will be called A dictatorsheep!!

My remote-control batteries died today. So, I gave them away, free of charge.

What did God say to Saint Peter, when giving him control of the weather? You have free rain!