

Reflection Monday Week 12 – 2023

At birth we begin a journey of life not knowing where it will take us. For Abram the Voice of God called him to leave the security of his surroundings and venture into the unknown on the strength of a promise of greatness. This move demanded courage and great trust in God which must have been present or he would not have heard, let alone recognise the voice of God calling him. **Anthony de Mello sj story:**

A man found an eagle's egg and put it in a nest of a barnyard hen. The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life the eagle did what the barnyard chicks did, thinking he was a barnyard chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled. And he would thrash his wings and fly a few feet into the air. Years passed and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird above him in the cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents, with scarcely a beat on his strong golden wings. The old eagle looked up in awe. "Who's that?" he asked. "That's the eagle, the king of the birds," said his neighbour. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth - we're chickens." So, the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was."

Jesus calls each of us not to become who we think we are but who we really are, the person God made us to be. This ultimately means following the voice of God just as Abram did.

Roger the wingless eagle didn't let the ridicule coming from other able-bodied birds get him down. He was unflappable

I encountered an eagle with an identity crisis... He's watching me like a hawk.