

Reflection Saturday Week 3 2024

Greatness is often measured in terms of the power one has over others. But this is not true. Jesus never exercised power over others, he offered choices, and however difficult the choices, Jesus would always help the person who trusted him.

David had committed a great sin including leading Uriah to his death. Yet he had the humility to acknowledge his sins and seek forgiveness - an example politicians would do well to follow. Despite suffering the terrible consequences of his sin, David always returned to fidelity to God recognising that God was the source of his power.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus often seems upset and angry at the incomprehension of his disciples. What if Jesus said "*Why do you have so little faith?*" with a smile in his eyes and on his lips as if bemused by them. His questions and statements would be words of encouragement rather than accusation. What they learned from the experience is that in turning to Jesus for help what they experienced as a wild storm was only a breeze once they had Jesus on their side. The same will be true for us when we place our trust fully in him.

What do you call it when it rains ducks and geese? Fowl Weather

Why do owls hate wet weather because it's too wet to woo

The plane hits such turbulence that everything is shaking violently. A passenger, pale with fear, notices a priest sitting next to him and pleads,

"Can't you do something, Father?"

The priest calmly replies, *"I'm not in management; I'm in sales."*