

Mass for Healing

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The Apostles were chosen and they set off

To preach , anoint the people, cure many sick.

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But what am I to do

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Does the Gospel mean that only those involved in very active service can be considered Apostles of Christ?

Does that mean that the housebound, or those physically challenged are no longer to be considered Apostles

No The vocation of Christianity

The vocation of our faith is much broader than that

Indeed our faith chooses the weak to confound the strong

But to serve when feeling weak is so difficult.

It takes real faith

So to serve when you are weak is to sacrifice

There was a time when I could do three things at once

A time when I could achieve most of what I wanted to do.

Granted I could be tired in the evening, but not exhausted.

I could be frustrated, but not depressed.

But there comes a time when sacrifice is essential

I can if I so choose

Attempt many things

Then do all those things very badly

Or I can sacrifice many of the things I want to do

For the few things Christ calls me to do well.

Then to act with joy, and love and dignity

So to serve when you are weak is to embrace humility
To let go of the illusion of independence
Even as a child allowing others to do for you, involved fits of sulking, and crying and defiance
Now as an adult the sulking is more subtle and much
more destructive.

So we have the daughter wanting to help who is frustrated, and worried, and helpless.

There is the son caring and needing the cooperation of acceptance

There is the individual making them self-more ill than necessary

So to accept humility

Is to allow the daughter to help

To lovingly accept the care of the son

To live within what is, and not what we want to be

For Christ to call us to do all things well

Then act with joy, and love and dignity.

Our whole lives are processes of preparation for eternity

Strangely toward the end of our lives it is others we are preparing

When you sacrifice with grace, you set the pattern that those you love will always remember

When you let go and allow others to help you, it stimulates the love they will need when you are
gone

When you live the love they want to give

When you let them in past your walls of resistance

Then in that place of trust

Those you care for

will live the blessings of your love

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A love which only the housebound can give

Which is the blessing of the weak

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You are chosen to preach from where you are
By the way you live

You are chosen to anoint those you love with kindness from where you are
You are chosen to cure their anxieties with your humility from the situation you are in
So that they can set off happily on their journey
When you set of on yours.