

February 24, 2008
Sunday of the Third Week of Lent

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

"We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

It all seems to come down to the point where we accept the truth of what is presented to us or not. This occurs in just about everything in life. People tell us that they love us. We either believe it or not. We either believe the world is a safe place or not. We either believe Jesus came to show us the way or not. Our acceptance of that truth is apparent by the way we live our life. Our words are meaningless in the face of our actions. We are in the middle of Lent. It is time to evaluate our Lenten journey. Am I changing? Am I moving into a deeper relationship with Jesus? Do I know more of the truth of my life? I started out this Lent with the desire to live more deeply in the present moment, paying attention to the invitation to be a peacemaker in the world. Somewhere along the line anxiety took up space again. Life situations that I cannot control boldly and suddenly intruded into my life. I am learning again that anxiety and peace are not bedfellows. One rules out the other. The ongoing question is which one will I allow to rule my life. The Samaritan woman in this gospel story is asked to have faith in something bigger than anything she can imagine, something beyond what is apparent to the naked eye. Jesus asks us early on in John's gospel to "come and see." Today he specifically asks this woman to see that life is deeper than she imagined. I am asked that same question everyday. So, how am I doing? ...Still learning, still listening, still trying to make sense of the events of my life because I know that a deeper understanding of God's invitation exists in every moment of every day.

"Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul." ~~Thomas Merton

What is taking root in my soul during this season of Lent?