

February 25, 2008
Monday of the Third Week of Lent

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

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

2 Kings 5:1-15ab

Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Luke 4:24-30

Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

They rose up, drove him out of the town,
and led him to the brow of the hill
on which their town had been built,
to hurl him down headlong.
But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

Today this gospel raises the question of what message of Jesus am I refusing to hear. It is easy for me to look around and see how others remain deaf to the Word of God, the call to live a life of peace and reconciliation. It is not so easy to look at myself and see the same thing as clearly as I see it in others. What is the invitation to change that I do not hear today? Who are the messengers being used by Jesus that I am refusing to listen to, just like the people in the synagogue at Nazareth refused to listen to Jesus? I watch others drive away people in their life because they do not like what they say to them. Am I doing the same in subtle ways? What do I need to hear today?

Life is the sum of your choices.
□~ Albert Camus,
French existentialist novelist (1913-1960)