

April 8, 2008
Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

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

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

Acts 7:51—8:1a

Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab

John 6:30-35

So they said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

This line alone ought to be enough to convince us to root our life in Jesus. But it is so much easier to know this than to live it, for the living of it requires a cost that I am not always ready to pay. I know that Jesus sustains me if I but turn to him. However, the sustenance is not always what I crave. We live in a society that teaches us to satisfy our cravings, seek immediate gratification. But walking in faith with Jesus as the center of our life often means that we make the commitment and then simply put one foot in front of the other in faith that in God's time all will be well—even when it does not feel like it. Waiting is often the cost I do not wish to pay. My preference is to find the solution or the answer as soon as possible. God's way is that I live in faith and trust that all things work together for good for those who believe.

The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity and held safe in an everlasting embrace . . . We must dare to opt consciously for our chosenness and not allow our emotions, feelings, or passions to seduce us into self-rejection.

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How is Jesus feeding you today?