

April 9, 2008
Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

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

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

Acts 8:1b-8

Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a

John 6:35-40

... I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.

I wish I had a quarter for every book that has been written on how to discern the will of God. I wonder if it was as difficult for Jesus to know God's will for him. I wonder if we make it much harder than it really is to know what we are called to do. I learned a number of years ago that it is possible to hold contradictory truths at the same time. I wonder if that is not the case for many of us as we walk this road of faith. On the one hand we want to serve God so we keep asking what God's plan is for our particular life. While on the other hand, we keep asking because the answer provided to us by Jesus is not the one we truly want to embrace.

We seldom realize fully that we are sent to fulfill God-given tasks. We act as if we were simply dropped down in creation and have to decide to entertain ourselves until we die. But we were sent into the world by God, just as Jesus was. Once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do. ~Henri Nouwen