

May 2, 2008
Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

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

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

Acts 18:9-18

47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 16:20-23

*Amen, amen, I say to you,
whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.*

In my name.... This brings to mind a gospel passage we recently read and prayed with in the past few weeks: *Remain in me as I remain in you.* For me that is the importance of this gospel passage. Unless I remain rooted in Jesus, then I tend to ask in my name rather than in his name. What does Jesus want for me? What does God, our loving parent want for me? What do I need in order to take on the heart and mind of Jesus?

"An elder replied, 'I tell you, many have ruined their bodies with no discernment and gone away without finding anything. We may have evil-smelling breath because of our fasting, we may know the Scriptures by heart, we may recite all the psalms. . . and still lack what God is looking for--love and humility."

- Anonymous Sayings of the Desert Fathers

What do I need in order to increase love and humility in my thoughts, words, and deeds?

Ask for that specific grace, quality, or virtue.