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Listening to the Word of God

January 20th The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 42 “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break,”

When I remember that Jesus was and is the Christ and that He also was very meek, how does that challenge or comfort me?

Isaiah 55: “So shall My Word be that goes forth from my mouth; My Word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

Christ the Word of God does achieve the goal for which He was sent. How am I doing on achieving the goals God has for me?

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38 of 1 John 5:1-9

1 John “For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.”

How am I doing at keeping God’s commandments?

Acts 10 ““In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

Find or image an image of many, many different faces of people from all around the world. All those people are known by God. All those people are acceptable to God if they live a life of justice. How do I feel about that?

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

John the Baptist said he was not worthy to do a very little act like to loosen Jesus’ shoes and yet God has John pour water on Jesus and be above Jesus in this action. In my life has God ever had me do something, or be a part of something where I felt unworthy or totally honored to be there?