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Listening to the Word of God

April 18 2021 A.D. Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

In the speech that Peter gives to the Jews, he states **the truth** that Jesus was turned over to death and died and that He is the Christ for He is risen. Peter then shows **compassion** by softening the degree of guilt because the Jews acted out of ignorance. Finally, Peter **challenges** them to believe and repent. Have I ever walked someone through the path of repentance? (1) From pointing out **a truth** (stealing is wrong, sex outside of marriage is wrong, life begins at conception, talking bad about someone is wrong, not being in control of your actions because of drinking or drugs is foolish, God created us male and female.) (2) **To showing compassion** by acknowledging ignorance, the challenging times, youth, hormones, the power of addictions, temptations and the force of evil. (3) To challenging the person to **repent** by leading them to confession and/or other things that could be helpful. Has anyone ever done this for me?

1 John 2:1-5a

“Those who say, ‘I know him,’ but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.”

There are committed Catholics (and Protestants) who come to church, pray, help the poor, and try to follow the commandments and find and follow the Lord’s will for them. There are lazy Catholics who believe that as long as they “get their Sacraments in” they are good to go. WRONG. (There are also lazy Protestants who believe that because they professed their belief in Jesus Christ on a particular day in their life that no matter what they do after that they are in. WRONG) Where am I on the scale? Lazy Catholic # 1, or committed to Jesus with all my heart, soul and mind, loving my neighbor and being willing to do and give up whatever the Lord wants me to do or give up. # 10 ?

Luke 24:35-48

- 1) Who or what really opened the Scriptures for me?
- 2) Where do I need peace?
- 3) Preaching forgiveness of sins is also done with actions. Who do I need to be reconciled with?