



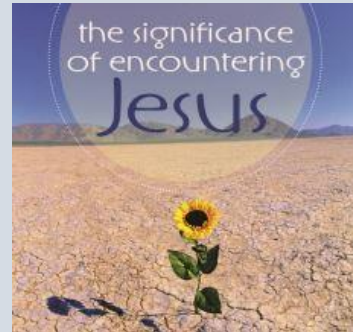
From the Desk of Father Peter

Clockwise: What a Journey

The apostle Paul was a bright, persuasive, well-read expert in Jewish theology. He may have had flaws, but he was still one of the most formidable persons in the early church. The Corinthian church, for example, a growing and thriving community, testified to the work of this great “Apostle to the Gentiles.” Yet Paul was always careful to emphasize that the church was built “on the power of God,” not on his wisdom or the wisdom of any other apostle.

Like St Paul, we are called to build the church. Like Paul, we are called to build on the foundation of God’s wisdom and power, not human wisdom. Does that mean that we should not be engaged as we spread the good news? Of course not! We should do whatever it takes and use whatever tools we have

available to us to present the gospel so that people will be moved to open their hearts to the Lord. That is what it means to become “all things to all, to save at least some.” 1 Cor 9:22



This story was told to me by a friend some years ago: “A jeweler in a small town noticed that every morning a man would stop outside his shop and set his pocket watch by the clock that was on display in the window. One day, the jeweler stood in the doorway of his shop when the man walked up, stopped at the window, and set his watch. He smiled at the jeweler and said, ‘I’m the timekeeper at the factory down the street. I’m responsible for blowing the noon whistle that tells everyone to break for lunch. Your clock helps me keep the right time.’ The jeweler said, ‘That’s interesting. I’ve been

setting my clock by your noon whistle for the past few years.”

The point here is that we never know how much our actions influence the actions of the people around us. Even the simple mundane tasks we perform in our daily lives can be of greater significance than we realize. When kindness has left people, even for a few moments, we become afraid of them, as if their reason had left them. Let us prefer to be human and allow the power of God to do the rest. Peace comes within the souls of people when they realize their oneness with the God of the universe. When something like this happens, don't dismiss it! God is trying to expand our vision. He wants to open our eyes to his presence, his goodness, and his grace. God's presence is all around us; let us open our hearts to him.



Peace and May God Bless us all,

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