



Reflection from Sr. Janet Cashman

In today's readings, we are called to deal with difficult issues and difficult individuals. Scripture contains various teachings of how to approach such moments. Before Jesus started his ministry, he spent many long hours, 40 days in prayer. In exodus Moses entered the tent where he also spent many long hours alone in prayer/ conversation with his God when the Israelites started complaining about the difficulties of tramping through the desert on the way to the promised land. It is during these long times of prayer alone in the presence of God, that everyone comes to understand how very much God loves you and each one.

Each one of us is also called to these times of conversation with God, coming to know how very much God loves you, each person. Maybe it would be a better way to approach a brother that does something wrong. Maybe the better approach would be to invite that brother to a time of prayer each of you in your own space so that he can feel the love of God for himself. This might lead to fewer times that you need to go to the next stage which Scripture says is to bring along a few friends, and there will be even fewer times will you have to involve the whole community. And through it all each one finds peace from knowing the love of God.

The scripture passage of Romans mentions that the only debt you should incur is that of the debt of mutual love. Romans talks about the sins of the commandments, and we know mankind has created much more hideous ways of sinning against others. Romans also agrees that love is the one thing that can not hurt your neighbor. And it is the time of quiet each day when you sit still and allow your God to fill you with divine love.

Peace,
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