

Today is the Memorial of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

A quote attributed to her is:

*A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in his love than in your weakness.*

In today's Gospel, we hear of Our Lord calling Simon Peter. He comes to Peter at a low point - they had been working all night without effect. First Jesus teaches the crowd, using Peter's boat as a pulpit. In effect, Jesus uses each of our lives - whether we choose Him or not - as a sermon.

After hearing Christ's teaching, Peter is given a choice ... do what he's already done, but this time at Jesus' command.

That small nuance - doing something you've already done ... over and over ... for yourself ... versus doing that same thing ... but for the Lord ... that is the key to discipleship.

And when Peter sees the effect of that small nuance ... when he sees the enormous effect on what he's already done ... by the small nuance of doing it for Jesus ... Peter gets scared, and tries to distance himself from Christ.

All of our lives, we give ourselves to God ... in bits and pieces.

Sometimes we are scared by the effects of these sacrifices ... we want to take it back ... it's too much to realize that our weaknesses can be made into strengths if we would just give ourselves fully to God.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... let us examine our hearts and seek out any places where we haven't given ourselves over to Christ ... let us take our biggest weakness, and give it to God.

The more we invest in God ... and in Jesus Christ ... the more we will see His power in our lives. Let us commit ourselves to believe in God's love and give Him our weakness so that he might accomplish great things through us ... by the power of His love ... in us.