

“Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Wouldn't that be great? To hear the voice of God, and to be able to talk in a conversation with Him?

I once knew someone who told me that they had been praying for the gift of patience. But instead of becoming more patient, people kept getting in her way all the time.

I had to laugh. You see, I told her, God had not only heard her prayer, but was answering it. After all, we don't become more patient by throwing a switch. Rather, we become more patient by practicing over and over and over.

Not only had God heard her prayer, but He was answering it in spades - giving her opportunity after opportunity to practice the very virtue she desired.

Our lives are similar, I would guess.

God gives us what we need ... not necessarily always what we want.

God speaks to us in His own way; and oftentimes like Eli, we hear it - but we misinterpret God's voice.

We ask for patience, and He gives us plenty of ways to practice it. If we continue to lose our patience, we aren't taking advantage of the 'gift' that God is giving us to get better.

Every thing ... every situation ... everything ... is a gift from God. Intended for our good.

In our lives ... and in our day-to-day lives ... God is always answering our prayers ... speaking to us ... and offering us the gifts we need. We may or may not 'get it' ... we may or may not understand God's gift. If we misunderstand, it may be appropriate for us to seek the wise counsel of a spiritual person. Or maybe we might try asking God what is going on - offering to Him the lack of understanding ... and praying for a better understanding of our circumstances.

I often say, be careful what you pray for ... you just might get it.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ; let us pray for a deeper appreciation for the gifts that God is bestowing upon us at every moment of every day. Let us ask for a better understanding of what His direction is for us ... and how we might be missing the bigger picture ... God's bigger picture ... for us. So that we might abide in His Holy Will, and live the lives that He has called us to ... through our Baptism.