

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Transfiguration - February 11, 2024

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- 2 Corinthians 4:6 -

Saul, also known as Paul, knew what it was like to be blind.

He was on his way to Damascus with permission for the leaders to destroy the followers of ‘the Way.’ Saul wanted to stop this new way of seeing, but God had something different in mind. Jesus appeared to him as a bright light and a voice that asked, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Jesus called Saul into the ministry of Light. He was blind for three days during which he fasted and prayed. A man named Ananias was also called by Jesus to heal Saul’s sight, are for him in his recovery, and help him see the truth. From that day forward, Saul also known as Paul, ministered to the Light.

It is natural for Paul to talk about the Gospel in terms of light and blindness. He had experienced it himself in a powerful way. He had been blind, both spiritually and physically, and he had been healed of both. We may not be physically blind, but human beings are blinded by the things of this world. We are spiritually blind in many ways, ways in which we obviously fail to recognize. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to believe in God’s grace and forgiveness. We are healed of our blindness and ushered into the Light.

Once in the Light, we are then called to go forth, sharing the Gospel message. It isn’t about us; we are the messengers who take the Gospel out to the world. The Holy Spirit works in those meet to lift the veil off their eyes so that they too might come to believe. It is God that shines in their darkness. It is God who makes them see.

Do you have a story you can share with others about how you came to see the light? Of course you do, and can. Our stories may not be as dramatic as that of Paul. We may not even be able to identify a time or place when we were blind and then could see. However, our eyes have been unveiled because of the witnesses who have willingly shared the Gospel with us and we are called to be witnesses to others in the same way. God has promised to shine through our hearts into the world so that all may stand in the Light.

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