

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Week of April 3

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Dear Friends in Christ:

The responsorial psalm this past Thursday was; “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

A good thought for this Lenten season. Lent is a time to look into our hearts and see what we carry there. Are we lugging around a lot of old baggage we need to shed? Are there problems in relationships, grudges, oversights and such that we cannot let go of?

This is some of the darkness spoken of in today’s second reading. If our hearts are crowded with that stuff it is hard to hear God speak to us with all that noise going on in our hearts.

Lent is a time of interior inspection. A time to shed what prevents us from hearing God speak to us through our hearts. If we continue to carry that stuff there is little space left for God in our hearts and they are truly hardened. Let’s use this time to unload and open up. Make room and quiet ourselves so we can hear God speaking to us and discern His message for our lives.

In His Service
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