

Peace for the Journey ... May 3, 2010

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:28-53

One of the signs of advancing age is that senses diminish. As we get older, we don't see or hear or taste as well as we did when we were younger. The paradox of maturity is that even though the acuity of our physical senses decrease our spiritual senses get keener. In theory.

To be able to "see" the movement of the Holy Spirit, or "hear" the voice of God amid the noise of modern society is a sign of spiritual maturity. One of the goals of our spiritual growth is to develop our spiritual eyes and ears so that we are aware of God's presence in our lives and are ready to answer God's call, follow where God leads, and go where God sends.

One of the important and lasting effects of Easter is that our eyes are opened as we meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. When the risen Jesus Christ comes to us, we begin to see clearly. We are prepared to welcome the Holy Spirit and are able to pay attention to the many ways the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and in the world. This is one of the any ways Easter makes a profound and enduring difference in our lives.

In prayer, consider two questions today: One, are you committed to spiritual growth and maturity? Two, are you willing to let the risen Jesus Christ open your spiritual eyes and ears so that you may see and hear the Holy Spirit at work in your life and in the world?

In yesterday's sermon I used a scene from the movie *Field of Dreams* to illustrate how our eyes can be opened when Jesus comes into our lives.

You can watch the clip at this link: http://movieclips.com/watch/field_of_dreams_1989/doc_saves_karin/

Note that Mark (Ray's brother-in-law) doesn't see the ballplayers on the field until this scene. His eyes are opened when Doc Graham comes into his world.

What will you see when Jesus comes into your world?