

Peace for the Journey ... May 5, 2010

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:22-26

Do you need a second touch?

According to the Gospels, Jesus talked on a regular basis about the importance of seeing and hearing. He talked out having eyes to see and ears to hear, and he healed people with blind eyes and deaf ears. In fact, he said that one of the signs of God's Messiah's presence in the world would be: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them." (Luke 7:22)

In the healing story told in Mark 8, we discover that the blind man needed a second touch of Jesus' hands before he could see clearly.

As we are learning to see the presence of God in our lives, we may be like the man in Bethsaida. We can see an outline, we can tell someone's nearby, but we can't make out the details. We can see enough to know that we can't really see clearly. We need a second touch.

Easter tells us that something important is happening around us: the resurrected Jesus is alive and the Holy Spirit is at work. But without a second touch of God's healing hand, we might miss Jesus gracious invitation to be a disciple. We might miss a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work.

If you would like to experience the presence of God in your life, but your spiritual vision is clouded. Ask God for a second touch. You'll discover what you've been missing all along.