

Lenten Reflection

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“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.”
- John 11:25A, 26

We have turned the corner of our journey and are now in the middle of the fourth week of Lent. How far we have come and yet how far we still have to go.

In today’s Gospel of John, Jesus assures us that “whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.”

Hallelujah! What a comfort these words are.

But realize there are two caveats to this promise from Christ. First, we must hear His word. Are you reading God’s messages in your Bible each day? And not only during Lent? Are you really listening to homilies as they convey the words of Christ? And are you hearing God’s word in your heart? These are all that we must do to pass from death to life. What could be more important?

Second, we must believe in the one who sent Christ to save us. Deuteronomy 6:5 tells us to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” This comes so easily to me when I am in church and am singing a beautiful hymn or partaking of the Eucharist, even when I am reading my Bible or praying. But I must stay mindful of my belief in Him who sent Christ, too, while I am texting or shopping or working. Not so easy, but absolutely essential for the promise of eternal life.

After all, in Isaiah 49:15, God tells us, “I will never forget you.”
Can we do any less for Him?

