

Do you ever read scripture or listen to it and something completely new pops out at you. This Sunday's Gospel account did that to me this morning. I know I have read and heard this part of Luke's Gospel many times but for some reason St. Peter's question has never stood out so boldly to me before.

It's a good question, is this idea of radical discipleship meant for us (the Apostles) or everyone, lets translate that into here and now. Is this idea that we are to live expecting Christ's return or our return to Him every day of our lives meant for priests and bishops and nuns and monks, or for everyone?

It begins with prayer; do you wrap your day in it? For clergy and religious we pray the liturgy of the hours between five and eight times a day we make sure that prayer is orienting our day. While you may not be called to that, is there a way that you can make sure prayer in the morning, mid-day and evening can wrap your day.

Connected to prayer is next our decisions, are they focused on the will of God, even if difficult or unpopular, can we in moral decisions and acts of charity put God before ourselves.

Finally living expecting the Lord's return means we have to put to death the idea of "someday". Someday I will start to work on that, someday I will be able to forgive, someday I will finally get my prayer life on track. Someday needs to be replaced by a step forward; I am going to work on scheduling more time for prayer. I am going to get involved with a ministry through Church. I need to pray the simple prayer Lord work on my heart to move me closer to forgiveness with this person. The Saints did it one foot in front of the other, a small step in the right direction everyday leads us Home.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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