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Brothers and Sisters,

Acts of the Apostles 2:14-33 speaks of Peter making very bold proclamations about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The man who denied knowing Jesus had risen to such great courage and freedom that he could give witness to the risen Jesus. He was no longer afraid to say, "This is the Jesus God has raised up and we are his witnesses."

Peter made bold commitments to Jesus on various occasions and ended up denying Jesus, his master, three times at a crucial moment in the life of Jesus. But he wept bitter tears and rose again and stood strong and said, "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:32), and again, "better for us to obey God than men!" (Acts 5:29).

Peter failed. But his master had taught him to try and try again. Both the first and the last meeting of Jesus and Peter were in in the sea in unsuccessful fishing, ready to go home after a disappointing night. The first time, Jesus asked Peter to cast his net into the deep water (Luke 5) and the second time to cast the net off to the right side of the boat (John 21) and both times, he had great catch. Just as Jesus taught Peter and the others, he teaches us today to try harder, go deeper, take a different approach, try something that had not been tried, not to give up, stay with it and be faithful and steadfast. How amazing our life would be if we learned to be faithful, obedient, and steadfast as Peter was and as Jesus was to his father's plan and purpose!

Peter made his choice and made his commitment. He failed and wept bitter tears. Legend tells us that he wept so much that even his cheeks became furrowed with tears!!!! But he didn't stop with tears. He started over and became the witness of the risen Jesus. Failure is never the end. It is an opportunity to start over. An ancient sage said, "failure is a steppingstone to success." Failure always carries a gift for us. We only have to look into the failure, find the gift and let the gift bless us into the future. St. John the XXIII said, "every time I fell, I got up, looked at Jesus and went straight ahead." The risen Jesus gives us a new power and freedom to be his witnesses in the world.

I encourage you to take a few moments each day to be still and reflect on how your day has been. Reflect on your need to be patient with all, especially with yourself, be forgiving and tolerant of failures, imperfections and shortfalls and the like. Bless yourself with a wholesome attitude that says, "Begin again and again...never give up."

**Be sure to take a few still moments during the week.
Bless yourself with stillness!**

Be Still Moment - Allow yourself to be still for a moment

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Salesian Moment – A moment with St. Francis de Sales

Don't sow your desires in someone else's garden; just cultivate your own as best you can; don't waste time doing anything else.

It's my onion, not yours, let go of it...

Once upon a time there was a woman who was wicked as wicked could be, and she died. And not one good deed was left behind her. The devils took her and threw her into the lake of fire. Her guardian angel stood there trying to remember even a small, good deed that the woman may have done that she could bring to God and plead for mercy. Then the angel remembered and said to God, "Once she pulled up an onion and gave it to a beggar woman. Have mercy on her" And God answered, "Now take that onion, hold it out to her in the lake. Let her take hold of it, and you pull her out of the lake of fire into paradise. The angel ran to the woman and held out the onion to her and said, "Here, woman, take hold of it and I'll pull you up to paradise."

The woman took hold of the onion, and the angel began pulling carefully. Then other sinners in the lake of fire saw her being pulled out and they, one by one, began holding on to her hoping to be pulled out of the lake of fire into paradise with her. But the woman was wicked as wicked could be, and she began to kick them with her feet: "It's me who's getting pulled out into paradise and not you. It's my onion, not yours, let go of my onion." Then the onion broke, and the woman fell back into the lake of fire...and the angel wept and went away.

**Always be grateful for the thread of grace that keeps drawing you in
and be open to sharing that thread with those around you!**

Jesus is watching...



Up at the head table in the cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, "Take only one. Remember, Jesus is watching." At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl was a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read, "Take all you want. Jesus is watching the apples!"

Did you Know?

Apostolic Nuncio...

Apostolic Nuncio is the title for the Vatican ambassador to another country and the papal liaison with the church in that country. An apostolic nuncio, also called a papal nuncio, is always an archbishop, and it is his religious title that is capitalized as a title before his name, e.g., Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States (current), not Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Religious title is put before the name. In a country with which the Vatican does not have diplomatic relations, the official Vatican liaison with the church there is called an apostolic delegate.

Papal representatives in the United States were apostolic delegates until 1984, when full diplomatic relations were established. There was a brief period, from 1984 to 1991, when the Vatican ambassador to the United States was called the pro-nuncio because he was not the dean of the world's ambassadors to the United States. In 1991 the Vatican quit using pro-nuncio as the title for its ambassadors who were not deans of the ambassadorial corps and began calling all papal representatives with full rank of ambassador nuncio.

Pope Leo XIV.....

Pope Leo in Angola

Pope Leo XIV visited the elderly at a care home in the Angolan city of Saurimo on April 18, 2026. He recalled that Jesus loved to visit the home of His friends, spending time with Peter's mother-in-law and often visiting the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Capernaum. In this care home, too, said the Pope, Jesus dwells with its elderly residents, especially when they forgive one another and seek reconciliation after a small offense.

"He dwells among you whenever you try to love one another and help one another as brothers and sisters," he said. "When all of you, or even some of you, pray together with simplicity and

humility, He is here among you.” The care of the weakest is a very important sign of the quality of a nation,” he said. “Let us not forget that the elderly are not only in need of assistance, but first and foremost, need to be listened to, because they preserve the wisdom of a people.”

Pray for each other.....

Let us stay close to each other in spirit and prayer as we continue our journey through life with all its joyful moments as well as moments not so joyful. Be faithful to your calling! All you do may not be successful in your eyes or in the eyes of others. The real success lies in your fidelity to who you are and what you have come to know as your calling. Just be faithful and be joyful!

God bless you and your families,

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**Time waits for no one.
Treasure every moment you have.
Now is the moment of Grace.
Treasure every moment you have.**

