Reflection for Sunday June 27, 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

from Jon Metz

Our first reading today from the book of Wisdom begins, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." God always wants good for us, and God always has the best intentions for us. As humans, we sometimes mess up God's intention with our poor choices, but God still always hopes the best for us. Why doesn't God make everything good all the time? Well, that is because God gave us the gift of free will to make our own decisions. God is not a puppet master predetermining our decisions. Like a parent, God loves us and has so much hope for us, but ultimately lets us make our path.

We do have some examples of how faith helps us move away from suffering and death. In today's Gospel from Mark we see the daughter cured from her hemorrhage. In this miracle, the woman merely had to touch the cloak of Jesus and was healed. Faith has a way of bringing us healing. The power of faith is strong, but it takes trust. We don't always find the physical healing we are looking for, but often with great trust we find the spiritual healing we need to embrace life over death.

- Do you truly believe that God has our best intentions in mind?

- How is trust part of your faith experience?

- Have you ever experienced a spiritual healing that you needed?