Wednesday Whispers

illuminating the essence of Precious Blood spirituality, glistening through the prism of scripture

A weekly reflection by members
of the Precious Blood community

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"I do not have love." (1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13-12)

Could Jesus ask the same question of us today? I hear Jesus say to me that I can be spiteful of others for not recognizing what I do for them. I hear Him saying that I am too quick to find fault in others when their appearance, actions, or words do not fit my expectations. The first reading names the culprit right out, for I falter when I "do not have love."

Today, we can dwell on a negative message we may perceive here, or we can choose to pray for love in our hearts, so we can do better. I choose to work on the love, that has been modeled to me by so many Sisters in their humble service to others.

It is a challenge to feel love and see Jesus in those we serve sometimes in our unhoused feeding ministry here in Fresno, CA. When I judge the addiction before I recognize the suffering; when I wince at the smells before I give a warm greeting; when I see a problem before I see God's child, then I am being a person "of this generation" who Jesus addresses directly. If I pause, reflect, pray, and ask for love in my heart, then little by little everything changes, and I get closer to the "me" that God wants.

Ada and I are walking the 500-mile pilgrimage, Camino de Santiago, in Spain right now. We will pray for all of you today, September 18th, and we will pray for love in our hearts for all we meet on this part of our spiritual journey. We wish you a "Buen Camino" (Good Journey) on your faith journey also. May God keep LOVE in all our hearts!

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