



Lenten

Reflections

The Divine Intervention

March 23, 2017

Scripture

Jeremiah 7: 23-28

Thus says the LORD:

This is what I commanded my people:

Listen to my voice;

then I will be your God and you shall be my people.

Walk in all the ways that I command you,

so that you may prosper.

But they obeyed not, nor did they pay heed.

They walked in the hardness of their evil hearts

and turned their backs, not their faces, to me.

From the day that your fathers left the land of Egypt even to this day,

I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets.

Yet they have not obeyed me nor paid heed;

they have stiffened their necks and done worse than their fathers.

When you speak all these words to them,

they will not listen to you either;

when you call to them, they will not answer you.

Say to them:

This is the nation that does not listen

to the voice of the LORD, its God,

or take correction.
Faithfulness has disappeared;
the word itself is banished from their speech.

Our Scripture Reflection

So, why did God command Jeremiah to continue speaking to His people, even if He thought they would never listen? Persistence achieves results. And so it is with our spiritual life. We find ourselves at times uttering the same frustrating words that St. Paul once did, "Why is it do what I know I shouldn't do and I don't do what I know I should?" Ever have that thought? The solution is simple yet profound. Hang in there. Keep walking the good walk, living the good life. As The AA Big Book puts it : "You've got to fake it 'till you make it." And with His Grace, you will!

Food for your Journey

Error does not become Truth because it is widely accepted;

Truth does not become error, even when it stands alone!

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Be with me, Lord, when I am lonely and frustrated with my sinfulness. Help me during those difficult times to simply put one foot in front of the other until I truly walk with You. Amen.