

June 23, 2008
Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18

Psalms 60:3, 4-5, 12-13

Matthew 7:1-5

*Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged,
and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.*

*You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; □
then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.*

In many ways we create our own destiny. We live small lives. I believe that we desire to live big. I believe it because I know that God plants desire for union and connection in our hearts. And that is big—to live in union with deep connection to all of God's creation. It is the gold ring that most of us strive for in small ways and often ways that hurt us and diminish us rather than help us grow. But fear, I believe, keeps us looking for a sense of worth by putting others down instead of seeing ourselves clearly through the eyes of God. Why not take a risk and think big. Imagine how God sees us and create that destiny.

*Death is not the biggest fear we have; our biggest fear is taking the risk to be alive
-- the risk to be alive and express what we really are.*

Don Miguel Ruiz

What gets in the way of seeing yourself and others clearly today?

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