

July 7, 2008
Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 9:18-26

"But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live."

"If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured."

Remember the saying, "there are no atheists in foxholes?" Trouble hits and we invoke the healing powers of God. But where are we when all is well? Basking in the glory of our world? Today's gospel calls me back to the reality that I either believe in good times—which means that God is the center of my life and I live deeply embedded in the life of God—or I do not believe at all. As I take a look at my everyday life, I can see that I have not yet completely rooted my life in God. It is a process, one that I am gaining on, however I am not there. That is *the* journey of a lifetime; it is *the* purpose of our lives.

"To a preacher who kept saying, "We must put God in our lives," the Master said, "He is already there. Our business is to recognize this."

- Anthony de Mello S.J.

What small change can I make to recognize God in my life?

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