

July 9, 2008  
Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Matthew 10:1-7

*Jesus summoned his Twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.*

I do not remember where I read this, but I hope it will speak to you as it speaks to me. Jesus does not ask for our adoration, *he wants us to put on his sandals and continue his walk*. This statement has taken me to reflect on the walk of Jesus. And each week I see and hear a different piece of the picture and the message. In today's gospel, Jesus instructs the Apostles to go to the lost sheep of Israel. For me that is the disenfranchised of our world. The people we tend to dismiss and discard. The times we are likely to say that the death count in a war is not too bad or the numbers of unemployed is insufficient for concern. The walk of Jesus tells me that if one of God's beloved is harmed we are not doing our job.

*The whole message of the Gospel is this: Become like Jesus. We have his self-portrait. When we keep that in front of our eyes, we will soon learn what it means to follow Jesus and become like him. ☐*

~Henri Nouwen

What does Jesus ask you to do today?