

July 25, 2008
Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of St. James, Apostle

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

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

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Matthew 20:20-28

"You do not know what you are asking. ¶ Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"

Again we grapple with pride. The desire to be seen as successful and accomplished is a temptation for all of us. Television is filled with competitive shows. Children are involved in competitive sports. Success is defined as getting ahead. James & John's mother wanted the best seat in the house. But, the best seat in the house is not for the most pious, the one who looks most deserving, it is for the one most willing to let go of their ego. In Jesus' question, I hear the challenge to let go of my need to look good and allow the experiences of life to take me deeper into what it means to love, especially if those experiences teach me more about humility.

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.
Albert Einstein

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