

August 24, 2008
Sunday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

I believe that it is in this answer that faith and hope reside. Jesus let Peter know that he was on solid ground in his belief of Him as the Son of God. The Church is built on this kind of faith, not just Peter's but the faith of all of us. When we believe, we can then hope. Not the kind of hope that says life will turn out the way we want it to, but the kind of hope that lives in both reality and mystery. As I reflect on today's gospel, I wonder if I live in the certainty of Peter? Am I certain enough of that Jesus is the Son of God that I am willing to live in the unknown, to trust the unknown? Is the foundation of faith as solid in me as it was that day in Peter? Can God count on me to be a strong foundation to his plan and will?

TO believe in God is not a decision we can make. All we can do is decide not to give our love to false Gods. ~ Simone Weil

What, truly, is the foundation of your life?
Where do you spend your time? In what do you invest your energy?

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