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Mundane Mystic

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A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for the Second Sunday of Lent-Cycle B, March 4, 2012

“And he was transfigured before them...” (Mark 9:2b)

God taught Abraham the art of letting go.
Abraham had the courage
to humbly bend to God’s will
wisely knowing,
“The wind does not break a tree that bends.” (Sakuma)

Peter, caught up in the mystic moment
wanted to hold on, to extend the moment
by erecting three tents.

Jesus chooses to teach the art of letting go
of mystic experiences.
Descend the mountain to the mundane.

Letting go takes grace, courage and humility.

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There are times in our mundane lives
when God gives us a glimpse of his glory.
Know that grace is found in both mundane
and mystic moments.

Lord, what am I clinging on to for dear life?
Where are my tent dwellings?
Help me to accept and to live better
my "Hum-drum" days. Amen.

What do you think? Can we find grace in the everyday-ness of our lives?

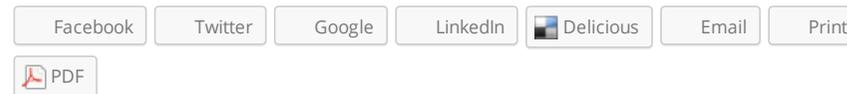
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Olivia March 1, 2012 at 1:48 pm



If we don't find it there, we won't find it anyplace else. Trouble is we sometimes have an exalted idea of what grace is. Peter, James and John were living and traveling with grace incarnate and didn't recognize it until it became overwhelming.

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald March 1, 2012 at 4:13 pm



Olivia, you make a good point about Peter, James and John. "Until it became overwhelming" is also an interesting thought to delve into the topic deeper. Thanks

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Anitra March 6, 2012 at 4:07 pm



Thank you, Juliemarie!! I find God IN the everyday events of life! It is just, for me, to remember to have my antennae turned and tuned to pick up the Grace just waiting to be discovered. Thank you for this website!
Love and prayers Anitra ssjd

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Juliemarie McDonald March 7, 2012 at 8:24 am



Dear Anitra, I like your image of putting up our antennas. Another thought I received this a.m. was from John Vinaney. He suggests that wherever we walk, see in our minds Jesus walking before us with his cross. This image,too, especially in Lent can make us much more aware of the Graces that God is strewing on whatever path we take.

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