

God hears our Cry

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St Nicholas, bishop



“God will be gracious to you when you cry out. As soon as he hears, God will answer you.”
(Isaiah 30:19)

In my beginning journey of religious life, I used to doubt that God really heard my cry. In my personal prayer I would be led to read this scripture passage, “Not for vengeance did God put them in the crucible to try their hearts, nor has God done so with us. It is by way of admonition that God chastises those who are close to him.” (Judith 8:27).

I once read that St. Teresa of Avila said about her relationship with Christ Jesus, “No wonder you don’t have many friends when you treat them like that.” What I have learned over the years in religious life is that difficulties and challenges are the very invitations to growing in God’s love and becoming a freer person. Some of the key elements in doing this were to keep my eyes fixed on God (St. Clare encouragement) through scripture, Eucharist, spiritual companions and taking time to pray in order to find God in all things. The next steps were to surrender to God’s wisdom discerned and to act accordingly.

Reflection:

How is God answering my cry?

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