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Fr. Matt's Musings
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Israel, you have forgotten who you are. (Jeremiah)

Jeremiah reminds Israel that they are called to be God's chosen People: "my renown, my praise, my beauty" (Jer. 10:11). I have a tendency to remind us that we are all God's beloved sons and daughters. That is true, but I love the imagery and the poetry of being God's renown, God's praise, and God's beauty. Please consider memorizing those three attributes and reminding yourself that each day you are called to be one. Today I need to be the beauty of God. What a difference that can make in anyone's day! Memory is so important and to remember who we are in God's eyes is meant to help us live differently. I have to be my best today if I know that I am God's renown.

Memory also needs to be deliberate. I have to choose to focus on those memories that give me life and remind me of who I am and called to be. Past offenses, slights, harsh words, or mean actions are very real and unfortunate. However, to relive them or dwell on them is wasted energy and does nothing to help us become our very best selves. The past was, the future will be, but we are called to live well in the gift that we are given, the present. Live today well, God's renown, praise, and beauty.

Live Jesus!

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