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Jeopardy

I was one of many who received the sad news of the death of Alex Trebek, the host of the very popular game show, Jeopardy. I never met him, but he was known for his kindness and his dedication to his career and family. Jeopardy is unique among game shows, with its academic nature and the unique format of starting with an answer and the contestants having to give the correct question as their response.

As a game show, it seems like a very clever and different approach. However, I think it is also a great life teacher. So often in life, we seek answers and clarity. Fortunately, we do receive those answers at times. Yet, life so often confronts us with questions we must live: "What is my purpose?" "What does God want of me?" "Where am I called now to go and what am I to do?" At times, the questions may frighten us, challenge us, and the natural tendency is to want a clear, definitive answer. Too often that clarity only arrives with our willingness to live the question. Life helps the response unfold as we encounter others and the ways in which we can reach out, help and support.

Questions, doubts, uncertainty are not signs of weakness but usually an invitation to trust more fully and deeply in God and God's promise to be with us until the end of time. When I am in New York and walk-through Times Square at night, the neon lights are striking for the brightness of light they produce. In the spiritual life, I do not think we receive neon voltage too often. Instead, we receive the subtle light to take the next few steps, and hopefully we have the faith and confidence that the God who loves us and promises always to be with us will guide us along the brightness of the path or the less clearly lighted path that unfolds step by step. In honor of Alex, live the questions!

Live Jesus!

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