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Adeodatus

9/24/21 Reflection

Good morning Malvern, as we go into the weekend I would like to share a commentary I read from the prayer book *Augustine Day by Day* titled "The Fast and the Slow." The commentary says, "Let those who are quicker than others in understanding reflect that they are walking along the road together with those who are slower. When one is faster than a companion, it is in the power of the faster to allow the slower to catch up, not vice versa." This means that if you are ahead of others in finding God and welcoming him into your life, it is your responsibility to then help those who have not been able to find God.

Grace is a word meaning courteous goodwill. A gracious person is one that is openly kind and courteous to all they come open. God's grace is the strongest grace there is. God's grace is always with us helping us when we are ahead, but helping, even more, when we are behind. He is always there for us when we need him the most. Through God's grace, we are never alone in our journey and God is always there to help us when we fall behind. God's grace has also given us many gifts and talents. We must utilize these gifts from God to be gracious like Him and help others that are falling behind as God helps us when we fall behind. As Children of God, we are all called to help others find God and open their eyes to Him. Whether this is telling someone who lives a life of sin to stop what they are doing because it is wrong, or even just spreading the word of God through messages and teachings. God has given us all of these wonderful gifts so that we may act like him and help those in need.

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sake, he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." (2 Cor 8:9) Jesus became human so that we can thrive. He asks that we help others thrive as well.

You have made us for yourself O Lord, and Our hearts are restless until they rest in you

St. Augustine, Pray for us

Friar Brotherhood, Forever in our hearts.