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Dear Parents,

The Jesus Solution

Many times, especially in the Gospel of John, we read of Jesus telling his listeners his true identity:

“I am the Good Shepherd.” “I am the way the truth, and the Life.” “I am the Bread which came down from heaven.”

These are not just proud statements. He’s speaking the truth. He is telling of his purpose. Each statement, tells of his relation to God as the One who sent him. But most of all it wasn’t just an opinion or an option to believe, he tells us that eternal life is ours if we take seriously his call to discipleship.

We also have to realize that each time he gives a glimpse of his identity, we are moving closer and closer to his crucifixion and death. To follow Jesus, is never without the shadow of the Cross. Yet our Gospel today tells us several things. Primarily we have to believe that we are united with Jesus, as fruit on the vine. He is our life. We also learn that God our Father is providing us with grace and blessing so that we might cooperate and grow in Christ’s image by word and deed. Although, for some, Jesus might be just another option, but for us he is our solution to all the things that aren’t right.

Jesus, help me to recognize that you are the source of my faith, hope and love.

Fr. Peter