

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 5th SUNDAY YEAR -C- 2025:

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING:

In all the three readings today, they talk of different instances of spiritual awakening from different perspective to different people. What a great eye opener for us during this century and period in our time that God can call us at anytime, in place whatever age it doesn't matter.

The three captured moments are in **temple in Jerusalem, on the highway road to Damascus and on the seashore.**

Prophet Isaia (Isa 6:1-2,3-8) he describes his call from God to be a prophet, he heard God's call when he was at the temple, he couldn't describe what God look like but he talk of God's **royal robe, angels, sounds and God's holiness.** He become aware of his unworthiness before God. He becomes aware of God's all powerful as king not only of the temple but of history, kingdom and kings. He is sent to speak God's word to **rulers, kings for the rest of his life, he is charged to speak not only on personal morality but also public.** God is present not only in soul but in the world affairs.

In the second reading (1 cor 15:1-11) Paul recounts how he met Jesus on his mission to persecute the Christians. He remembers the **experience which turned his life upside down.** On that dusty road to Damascus, his life changed, he became **apostle of Jesus,** he experienced **forgiveness, redemption and the mission, all for free by grace of God I am what I am.** This is one truth of Paul he carried throughout his life after awakening.

The Gospel,takes us to the **seashore** peter and his companion fishermen are there.The fact of the great catch left Peter stranded and this was his great awakening which changed his life to be fisher of men and submitted himself to Christ.

These are the truth we find these great men carrying throughout their life's.Is there any truth you can locate in your life about God? Can we speak about his **forgiveness,mercy,justice,patience, unifying power in marriage or his saving power**.Spiritual awakening can come in different forms,like in **illness,death of loved one birth of a babie**.It May too come in any place like the church like in Isaiah,it might come as our plans are interrupted like st.Paul or when the Lord does something as he did to Peter.All the events of our life's are moment which can bring us to closeness to God.we need to open the eyes of faith.