

Knapsack of Salvation

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:38-39.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which in Christ Jesus our Lord.

While a teenager, I read a story by Wolfgang Langewiesche titled, "A Knapsack of Salvation". It was an excellent account of his first parachute jump. I was fascinated and become determined to make a jump, too.

I was also interested that he called a parachute a "knapsack of salvation". The metaphor is very appropriate. You must have faith that the dry goods packed on your back will open and save your life. Belief is watching someone else jump. Faith is doing it yourself.

Less than 10 years later, I made my first jump and followed it with hundreds more. .It was always an act of faith. Acting on our Christian faith can also take courage. It is not always easy to choose the harder right.

Prayer: Dear Father God, help us to rely on our faith, take courage, and choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. In Jesus holy name, Amen."

-Submitted by Stan Moore for the Eighth Reading of Lent.