

The Paralytic's Amazing Friends



Ponderings & Reflections

Chapter Three — Faith, Discernment, God's Will and the Body

1. How did you react to C.S. Lewis' quote regarding the need for truth and imagination to travel together like Siamese twins? What happens to a church when the appropriate role for imagination in teaching and preaching is minimized?
2. Ever thought of Jesus as the consummate imaginative Story Teller?
3. How do you go about making where-to-from-here decisions when there are barriers to realizing your (ministry) plans? Do you intentionally seek out the wisdom of those God has placed in the Body with the spiritual gifts of faith and discernment for your benefit?
4. When it comes to living out "the priesthood of ALL believers," to what extent has your church/fellowship embraced it?
5. How would you assess the degree to which spiritual gifts are in full flower in your church/fellowship; i.e., where everyone 1) knows their SG's, 2) is being mentored in his or her area(s) of giftedness, 3) is using his or her SG's regularly in ministry, and 4) where all the ministries of the church are aligned with SG's? As is readily appar-ent, ignorance has anemic consequences!
6. Do you have any friends who have some aspect of their life (physical, emotional, relational) "paralyzed" right now; friends who need to be brought to Jesus? Do you have sufficient faith to perse-vere in bringing him or her to Jesus?
7. What speaks to you in this Reflection?