

Scripture: a privileged place of meeting

Experiencing God and finding transformation

We are the beings created as bearers of the Word, and only in responding to the Word do we rise to our full dignity. We were conceived in the mind of God as the partner in a dialogue.

Hans Urs von Balthasar

The best and most wonderful thing that can happen to you in this life is that you should be silent and let God work and speak.

Dag Hammarskjöld

[Christ] is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in Church.

Vatican II

The biblical text mediates mystery, meaning and miracle.

It asks of us nothing less than the giving over of ourselves in loving, engaged attention.

(While this is true of the text of Scripture, it is also true of other people,

this created universe,

and the Eucharistic action).

As we open ourselves to what lies before us it can become the place of encounter,

and revelation,

a participatory and transformative event

where we are changed from one degree of glory to another.

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The intent of the Gospels- and of the Church's sacramental life- is that these places become privileged places- genuine and real *experiences of the living and contemporary Spirit of God.*

I came to understand that God...is not an unctuous palliative, or a super-pill, or a sugary abstraction, but ...someone present in the quick of being, one's own being, and in the present tense itself, in existence as it exists, in the fibre and pulse of the world, and in the minute-by-minute drama of an ever-continuing, ever-poised, ever-accessible creation.

Dennis Potter

Pedro Arrupe SJ talked of "the capacity for a renewed 'reading' of reality (all of reality) from the point of view of the Gospel, and for continual confrontation of that reality with the Gospel." Spend some time with a part of the reality of your life- an event or feeling etc- and expose it to the reality of the *Gospel story.*