

2 Pastoral Letter

I love to read. I just finished a book that gave me much to think about and act upon. It is a world-famous book on the Best Seller list for many years and translated into 20 plus languages. Some of you may have read it. "The Road Less Travelled" encourages people to really look at themselves lovingly but also critically so that we forego our tendency to judge ourselves and others harshly while taking action to learn and grow from our mistakes.

Each day presents us with new opportunities to start fresh; to do the right thing and be the person we know we need to be. Today's second reading tells us that "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away." Is that not a hope-filled message that each of us should take to heart? Who among us does not need a new beginning in some aspect of our lives?

The wonderful thing about our faith is that we know where to turn for a fresh start. There is only one source that will never disappoint and that is God. He loves us, watches over us and wants us to feel near him. With God in your life to help you make choices and decisions, you are always on the right path. He who rebukes and quiets the wind, can calm the storms in your life and bring you peace, even eternal peace.

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