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Some people have recommended that I watch a few movies and a couple of mini-series shows that are playing on Netflix and whatnot. Some of the recommendations have been good, others not so good. I think I've figured out why some are appealing to me and others not so much so.

It's all in the perspective from which the show is born. It's all in the perspective from which the story is being told.

So for example there is this mini-series that someone said I should watch so that they could get my opinion on it. It's not even worth telling you what it is. But the perspective from which the storyline is told is dark, very bleak, every choice from these characters is bad and self-absorbed, the show is exhausting really, not necessarily entertaining. The story is complete empty of God, redemption, salvation, and hope. It's born from this, godless.

Another movie that I was recommended that is worth the watch, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas." While the setting is born from a World War II Nazi Concentration Camp, the movie shows great promise when it comes to innocence, children looking beyond cultural differences while adults cannot, unlikely friendships formed, forgiveness, and hope and even in the end sacrificial love. While the movie is set in a dark, bleak time, God is present and calling the best out of some of the characters in the story. The story is born with God's presence being there even in a terrible situation. I thought it was a great movie.

Nicodemus, the ruler of the Jews, and Jesus, the king of the Jews, have this secret, nighttime conversation where Jesus explains that we are all born from the flesh. This is not necessarily bad, but to live only from this perspective can lead to the godless. Jesus pushes Nicodemus that there is more than this kind of birth, one must be born from the Spirit as well. And being born from the Spirit changes our perspective on everything because then we see God in everything.

Our Sacraments help us to live from this perspective in so many ways. A new day is a sign of resurrection. The smallest bit of creation is a wonder. Love isn't about using others but genuinely knowing others to the soul. Mistakes and faults are not a finality. Death is not an end.

This ongoing Easter time, will help us to approach all of life from this perspective, from the perspective of God and being born, even more so, from the Spirit. To not have this perspective leaves one rather bleak, dark, and empty. But to have this perspective come to life within us, is a share in the Resurrection.