

Daily Homily
Seventh Week of Easter: Monday
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Jesus knew that His Apostles would abandon Him. He even predicts it, and He tells them. That's what we hear in the Gospel today. When that moment came and He was on the Cross then, He wasn't surprised that most of the Apostles, except one, were not there with Him.

Jesus knew that the only one He could count on was the Father.

That was the relationship that was stronger than His relationship with anyone else. All His other relationships, like any of our human relationships, had holes and missteps and didn't equal up to expectations. Some followed Him, some were called but walked away from Him, and some followed Him only to leave Him because of something He said or did or because, like at the Cross, the pressure was too much.

The only relationship that stood the test of time and the test of everything was that relationship that the Son had with the Father.

So, it is with us. That relationship with the Father, with God brings meaning to all our other relationships. And when those other relationships seem a bit underwhelming or even falter or even because of death seem to leave us behind... our connection to the Father is there. Strengthening everything... even conquering the world.