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**“The Son of Man did not come to be served
but..to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)**

Today’s Gospel reading and the verse that precedes it, could very well be a summary of our life as a follower of Jesus. If we have been attracted to Jesus from early on in our life, often it has been the power of his words and deeds that have inspired us: the beatitudes, the attention to the people on the margins, the protection of the woman accused of adultery, etc. He is the light of the world, and we’ll have the light of life if we follow him. And so, with enthusiasm, we follow.

As the years pass by we understand that such light and life does not preclude our being mocked, scourged and spit upon—sometimes even literally. Still we continue on the journey and let the concluding words to today’s Gospel reading be our light and source of life.

“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Is it not in giving our lives in the daily minute actions and thoughts that comprise most of our lives that the lives of many are ransomed? Isn’t this our experience as both ransomed and ransoming?

A listening heart that can hear another person’s distress and lets the spirit within respond, ransoms, and gives life. So too on a larger scale, does a Center for the community that empowers people through education, meaningful work, adequate health services, artistic development. We might ask ourselves, how do I ransom now; how am I being ransomed?

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