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**“Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed. (John 20:8)**

Faith is a wonderful thing. God put it out there as both a gift and a challenge. I often wonder about the many saints over the centuries who had faith given as a gift like this “disciple,” who was able to see and then “believed.” Is the disciple in John’s Gospel actually us? The Holy Spirit was definitely present at that moment in the tomb, and faith bloomed.

Most of us walk our faith journey without such a strong “discovery” moment when we feel and know faith in God as if it were as natural as breathing the air. I say I have faith, and I pray as if I have faith, but sometimes, my mind wanders into that realm of questioning what my faith really is. Saints, like St Maria de Mattias, had strong faith, and proved it with their lives serving God, but how did they get that faith, and more importantly, how did they sustain that faith?

This challenge of keeping faith in focus is difficult for me, but prayer and connection help me to understand and grow my faith. Connecting with God is connecting with people for me. I think that since the disciple had a close connection with Jesus, he found faith through that connection. Our ability to find God in others, to see the face of Jesus in those we know and those we serve, is a sign of faith and is a builder of faith.

Today, let’s ask ourselves what we need in our faith life to be like the disciple, to be able to see and believe. How do we strengthen that connection, so we can receive faith as a gift and keep it strong throughout the challenges? Pray for faith and connection.

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