

"HEAR THE MESSAGE"

Many people today will go to different places, some far away, to hear a special speaker or see an unusual event. We spend money and time to participate. The same message may be spoken in our very Church but it seems too familiar. We do not hear the message. Sometimes we look for the message in the thunder and it is really in the quiet, gentle breeze.

Moses tells the people that God's special message is not far away across the sea, or very high up in the sky. In our time he might tell us that the message is not on some billboard or blog, social media sight or podcast. Like the people of his time, Moses tells us in the First Reading, "it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

In our hurried and noisy times, we need to find a way to take quiet time to hear the very special message of God. If we can find a quiet corner in our home or in our yards, we may discover God's gentle but profound message. Perhaps we will see His beauty in the smile of a friend or the innocence of a baby. Maybe we will see God's care in the kindness of a friend or recognize His love for us in the gift and beauty of a rose or creation. Perhaps our faith will be deepened or touched by another's fidelity or witness. God can speak to us. Usually He does not have to do what He did to St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. We pray for the ability to see, to hear, and to recognize God's words to us. Moses reminds us to follow them as he would say, "*carry it out.*"

~Sister Caritas