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## ***GOD MEETS YOU WHERE YOU ARE***

“What do I need to do before I can relate to God?”

This was James Martin’s question at the beginning of a new religious journey that eventually led him from a corporate office to ordination as a Jesuit priest. The answer from his spiritual guide surprised him:

“Nothing. God meets you where you are.”

God does not need us to make a pilgrimage to an especially holy or beautiful place, or to spend hours in prayer and meditation. God’s Spirit may meet you on a walk through the parking lot, when you think of a friend with compassion for what he has suffered and decide to give him a call.

God’s Spirit may meet you while watching television and catch a glimpse of people who cannot afford enough to eat, so that you are moved to volunteer in a way that serves our neighbors.

God’s Spirit may meet you in the wee hours of the morning, when you can’t sleep because of your regrets and your grief, when God creates an opening in your heart to be loved just as you are, because you are God’s beloved child.

Wherever you are, God can meet you there. You will know that it is God when you are moved by love: to know that you are loved and to act with love for others.

I’ll see you in church!

Peace,

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