

REFLECTION  
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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There's been sadness in my life these recent weeks as I walked the journey of dying with my last living aunt. She "adopted" us when her sister and my mother died unexpectedly many years ago. My parents generation is gone now and I do feel that sense of abandonment and loss. And then Jesus promises, "I will not leave you orphans...because I live and you will live." Such a powerful, amazing promise. Can I even believe it? How do I take it in? Our daily human condition challenges us to believe.

Daily we see and hear multiple examples of the Spirit of truth "whom the world cannot accept." One only needs to glance at the news headlines to be made aware of the lack of honesty and forthrightness in our world. We might wonder what it is all about. If we truly call on Jesus as beloved in our hearts we will know peace and joy. Then we can share that good news of hope with gentleness and reverence. Maybe these words can help us think about how to move forward:

Busyness is a choice  
Stress is a choice  
Joy is a choice  
Choose well.           (Seen on a church sign)

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