

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE HOUSEHOLD

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### LET IT BE

Easter is only a week away! This weekend, we celebrate Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday, as most Christians call it. It is the beginning of Holy Week, leading into the Sacred Triduum and the Great Easter Vigil. During this week, we recall the Lord Jesus' suffering and death on the cross for our sake, that we might be able to choose life.

One of Webster's definitions of suffering is "to submit to" or "to put up with." In other words, "to allow" and "to accept." That is a very spiritual definition of suffering. It is what Jesus did all his life, particularly during the last few days before his ultimate victory. Being at peace with the Father's will is what resulted in Easter and the resurrection for Jesus, and it can do the same for us.

While driving, I recently heard the song "Let It Be." It is several decades old and is now considered as "one of the oldies." The Beatles and John Denver were among those who sang it. I have been moved by the lyrics. The first verse is this:

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.  
And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

It is obvious that the Blessed Lady, herself, practiced this wisdom. She "let it be" at Jesus' humble birth and at the foot of the cross, as well as at all the events that occurred in between. Mary knew that if she were to insert herself and insist on her own way, it could interfere with God's plan. She was at peace with the Father's will in her life. Herein lies a lesson for us.

Our Lenten journey (living out God's will) should not end next week. Easter Sunday is merely a glimpse of the freshness and beauty that can be ours someday. At the same time, it can be the beginning of a real resurrection in our life and a foretaste of the ultimate Easter.

Letting it be is not a "cop out." It is, however, letting go of control. Some have said it another way: "Let go, let God." Easter is the result of letting God be God in our life.

I trust that this Lenten Season has brought you closer to an Easter victory by coming to a greater realization of how the Lord is working in your life. Usually, his ways are not the ones that we would choose. Even the Lord asked that the cup pass him by, when He agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane. Like him, we, too, need to say: "Let it be." It is then that God will be able to work his wonders in and through us. What a victorious Easter that will be!