THOUGHTS FOR YOUR REFLECTION:

Read the Gospel, The Raising of Lazarus, John 11: 1-45
Reflect on the following.

I must admit, at least to myself that near the core of my being is also a “tomb”. My “tomb” is that empty place within me that doubt’s the news of the Gospel. It is that part of me that lives a different message, a message that ultimately imprisons me. And somehow, at the door of my “tomb”, I must meet a deadline. But I am held back.

When the Gospel proclaims life, my “tomb” proclaims self-sufficiency. Its message is seductive because it sounds so American, so patriotic. Its message is this: I have to do it all by myself, perfectly.

When the Gospel speaks of being open to the transforming power of God, my “tomb” tells me I can change myself. “You’re already doing better than the others, and if you work just a little harder you don’t need God’s help.”

Is there a tomb within you? Describe it here.

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Are there parts of you that hide from living and proclaiming life? Explain.

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How would opening your tomb to the transforming power of God change the way you proclaim the Gospel?

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