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Dt 8: 2 – 3, 14 -16

1 Cor 10: 16 – 17

John 6: 51 -58

In the first reading from Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a, Moses is reminding the Israelites about the food (the manna in the desert) that God provided them in the wilderness for forty years. Now the people had come of age and were entering upon their inheritance in the Promised Land. But they and we need to be reminded of the gifts that God provides.

This manna that God provides is referenced in the Beatitudes in Mt 5:6 ... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Furthermore, Jesus reminds the Devil in Mt 4:4 that... One does not live by bread alone, but every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

This manna is The Eucharist and has always been expressed in empathy and love for all people. The question is how can we identify among our own experiences, those that provide a base for building bridges of empathy for those with no food... no hope... no power... no nothing... and no one to pray for them?

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