

Today's gospel asks the question: can the blind lead the blind? I am sure the people laughed good naturedly at Jesus' question. Jesus then cautioned his listeners: Don't focus on the splinter in another's eye; rather take the wooden beam out of your own eye.

The laughter may have died down as Jesus' wisdom penetrated their blindness.

What are my blind spots? Obviously we don't really know unless someone points them out to us. A dear friend did that for me some years ago. I was complaining about another's behavior. She smiled and gently said, "Hmm, that sounds like you." Bullseye. What an eye opener. Since then whenever I hear myself complaining or judging I wonder if that is also true for me. My friend's words helped me to see more clearly.

Indeed we all have these blind spots and we need one another to help. What person or experience enabled you to become aware of your own blindness?

As Ash Wednesday approaches this week, it is a good time to think about whatever it is that keeps us from seeing clearly the love of God in and around us. Let us pray that this Lent we may receive the gentle nudges of others to open our eyes to Love.