

**This week I will share a simple reflection based on Luke 6:39-42.**

**-In verse 39 Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit."**

**-On a practical note: To think that those to whom we spend most of our time with will not influence us is a silly notion / Of course they will, to some degree.**

**-So this came to mind: Find people you trust and respect concerning the Catholic Faith / And keep them close to you / Especially a mentor / Seek those you believe have Spiritual Wisdom that informs their practical wisdom.**

**-Some of us spend time on the internet with podcasts and videos about the faith / I would ask you to re-assess them / Which are Wise and prudent / And which are sending you down Rabbit Holes (pits)] that creates a place where you are not living in the present moment (In Jesus) with Hope / Or have you focused on things that will rob you of the power of Jesus as Lord over all creation and things / Leading to a deep fervent Hope and Faith that Jesus is present during the storms.**

**To help you with this:**

**-Does the person to whom you've entrusted your soul know where to take you? /Or are they as lost as you are? / How do we know whether they see properly?**

**-First make sure they know Jesus / They have submitted to Jesus and are a practicing Catholic Committed to the Church Jesus founded.**

**-If they are solely committed to Jesus / Then they will be humble and understand their own sinfulness and struggles before they begin to diagnose yours / This needs to be healthy / Because the more we see how Jesus continues to correct, forgive, and heal our own sins and things we struggle with / Will lead to a person who is thankful to God / (Stay away from extremes: Are they are constantly beating themselves up / Or the other extreme: they are so confident in themselves they have no need to be thankful for what God is doing in their lives.**

**-Thus / When you find a person that knows gratitude / Knows God's love, forgiveness, and mercy / A fear that they never want to be separated from His Love / They are humble yet are firm concerning their Faith / Follow them / They are not blind.**

**Saints have these attributes / Read about their lives and then follow their example.**

**Please pray for your Raleigh Priests during our priest retreat this week.**

**"I am reminded that Luke emphasized in his Gospel that Jesus went to the mountain to pray / We all need that personal time to be filled by the Father so we have something to give away." Amen**

**Vivat Jesus,  
Father Vic Gournas**