

Faith Life Weekly 8/2/10

Song:

"Give me your eyes" by Brandon Heath
(Watch and listen)

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Looked down from a broken sky
Traced out by the city lights
My world from a mile high
Best seat in the house tonight
Touched down on the cold black tar
Hold on for the sudden stop
Breathe in the familiar shock
Of confusion and chaos
All those people going somewhere
Why have i never cared?
Give me your eyes for just one second
Give me your eyes so i can see
Everything that i keep missing
Give me your love for humanity
Give me your arms for the broken hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach?
Give me your heart for the one's forgotten
Give me your eyes so i can see
Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Step out on a busy street
See a girl and our eyes meet
Does her best to smile at me
To hide what?s underneath
There?s a man just to her right
Black suit and a bright red tie
Too ashamed to tell his wife
He's out of work he's buying time
All those people going somewhere
Why have i never cared?
Give me your eyes for just one second
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The ones that are far beyond my reach?
Give me your heart for the one's forgotten
Give me your eyes so i can see
Yeah yeah yeah yeah
I've been there a million times
A couple of million eyes just moving past me by

I swear i never thought that i was wrong
Well i want a second glance
So give me a second chance
To see the way you see the people all alone
Give me your eyes for just one second
Give me your eyes so i can see
Everything that i keep missing
Give me your love for humanity
Give me your arms for the broken hearted
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Everything that i keep missing
That i keep missing
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Give me your heart for the one's forgotten
Give me your eyes so i can see
Yeah yeah yeah yeah
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Reflection:

Where have you seen the hungry recently? They are everywhere. Maybe someone is hungry for unity in the family. Maybe a child is hoping for three meals today, or even just a morsel to eat. Maybe a teenager is hungry for freedom. Maybe a senior citizen is hungry to hear from family. Maybe a sick one is hungry for healing. Maybe a stressed out worker is hungry for a break.

The song makes the point. Look into their eyes.

Better yet, give us Jesus' eyes, so that we can see all the hungry people around us, and then give us the capacity to reach these needs. Sometimes all it takes is a listening ear. Sometimes it does take a loaf of bread and a full bottle of water. Sometimes all we need to do is care. Sometimes a prayer is the answer. Sometimes all they need is a friend.

In her book, "Loving Jesus", Mother Teresa wrote, "If we nourish our lives with the Eucharist, it will be easy for us to see Christ in the hungry one next door, the one lying in the gutter, that alcoholic man we shun, our husband or our wife, or our restless child, for in them, we will recognize the distressing disguises of the poor: "Jesus in our midst".

God bless you this week.

P. R.