

## AM I WILLING TO RISK

It is so hard to believe we are approaching the third week of Lent. What have you done differently the past two weeks? Are you finding your Lenten practices to be the same as your everyday prayer time and activities? Hopefully it is different. This year as we move through lent, we find so many things in our lives and hearts to be heightened and discombobulated. More than ever, I am finding people coming to me or calling me because things are more difficult. Past losses are causing so much pain and what do I do or what does that mean? Our physical, emotional and spiritual lives have been turned upside down this past year and we are trying to find new ways to make things different. We each need to ask ourselves what do we want to do, how am I going to do that or what risk am I going to take? Maybe we need to deal with the chaos that is in our hearts; not be fearful of looking at the pain and what is upsetting to each and everyone of us and what keeps us from moving on to something new, to listening to the voice of God. Very often God puts something so evident in front of us but do we have eyes to see or are we willing to reach out and take a look. Do we look at it and fear the difficulty and push it aside? Maybe God is saying to us, please don't push me aside, I am beside you, I will do this with you; please don't be afraid, trust me. Then we so often ask should I trust? Should I risk? Will it be too painful? Remember what is at the end of risking; a new life, a new light which brings us peace, hope and joy. None of us are exempt from pain, grief and wonder. So, as I approach the third Sunday of Lent what is God opening my eyes to see and what healing do I want to

experience? Will I let God heal me and make me feel like a new person who is fully alive? As we journey through the remainder of Lent, let us be open to the new surprises that God gives us so that on Easter Sunday we can be filled with the true meaning of Easter light and experience Easter in a new way. Now is the time for the remainder of Lent to be special because you are in God's eyes everyday.

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