

# The Decision

By Glenn Currier

This morning when I woke  
comfortably lying in bed  
feeling no pain nor being broke  
not even one thought of being dead

I knew when I cast my feet to the floor  
I would have an important decision to make:  
to focus on what muscles were sore  
**OR** forget about this or that ache

about this body dilapidated and aging  
**OR** remember the larger body of which I'm part  
the body of Christ I'm engaging  
reaching out, making a new start.

I'd have to decide how I can touch with my hands  
the arm of a person who's feeling hurt -  
or desperately lost in sandy badlands  
how I can help one **stand** who's feeling inert.

Like David, and Caleb crying Lord, Lord, Lord  
in their wilderness and sorrow  
may my voice join theirs in one accord  
"Lord we will seek *You* today and tomorrow."

Christ, you command us to answer your call  
to follow you, God's beloved son,  
no other road but the one taken by Paul  
obey you like he did until we are one.

Won the race, run hard and bold  
to clutch the hand and Body of Christ  
to reach out each day and take ahold  
of the Tree of Life in the Promised Land... we've so prized.

*Author's Note: This poem brings together several threads of my recent thinking and studying:*

- *The story of Joshua and Caleb how they yearned for and with faith and determination sought the Promised Land. Helen and I have been reading aloud and together: Glory Days by Max Lucado. The book is about the choice we all have, just as do the characters he speaks of in the book (Moses, Joshua, Caleb, etc.): what do we focus on, our problems, troubles and muck or on the Promised Land each day and the future hold for us?*
- *How I am a member of the Body of Christ*
- *What is meant by discipleship*
- *What is Christ's call to me*
- *Is it abstract theological thought and knowledge that really inspire me to discipleship or is it adherence to Christ the living Son, the **person**, who is calling me? (The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pp. 58-59)*
- *The Introduction to Richard Rohr's new book: The Universal Christ in which he posits that Christ is in all of creation, even in the darkness, sin, and death (the crosses) each of us experience. He is everywhere.*