



Why me?

The other day, someone said to me... "*Father, like you, I have a lot of responsibility. Yet, you usually seem to be up beat and 'positive.' Give me some hints to help me better cope.*"

I could be very unhappy with this assignment... so far from the city, no grade school, not enough 'action,' BUT... to the contrary, I am very happy with this assignment... no city traffic, lots of grass & rolling hills, plenty of time to think & write. 'COPING' has to do with 'attitude.' In order to foster a good 'attitude'... (Re-read the following, slowly!)

Try to see all the good you are doing in fulfilling your responsibility.

Try to see it as an important part on your path to heaven.

Try to see that others have it much harder.

Try to see that this is what God expects of you.

Try to see that it will not last forever.

Try to see that you will still have plenty of time for 'you.'

Try to see it as 'payback' for some of your past, poor, selfish choices.

Try to see it as your special way to say, 'YES' to God, after all He has given to you.

(And, if you must compare...)

Try to see Christ-crucified and compare his pain & the love to yours!

Enjoy life.

Figure out what really counts.

You only go around once.

It is time to 'get it right!'

In Him,--fr. 'T'