

## Reflection on 5th Sunday of Easter

### Life With Christ

Team player or loner? Inevitably in life, we will play both roles. We will work with others in family, on the job, and in the community. We will put our self-interest aside, so we can work for the common good.

There are those rare times we make decisions that place us at odds with others: family, co-workers, the community. We make those choices and we bear the consequences alone. Sometimes those decisions are selfish. Sometimes they are made based upon conscience.

As Christians we might walk the road of conscience disdained by the secular world, but does not mean we are disconnected. Our connection to life is not the world, but someone far greater.

Staying connected to Christ has a high price. Sometimes it costs us the respect of the world. Sometimes it costs us relationships with others. Sometimes it costs us a sense comfort and community. But the price of life without Christ is much higher. Imagine what life would be like without faith, without good Christians spouses and friends, without a prayer life and worship to sustains us, without the goodness and Christian charity of others to help along the way. Imagine a life without Christ!

Even if we have to walk by ourselves, even if we have to be loners in the name of Jesus, we will never be truly alone. Remember whose team we're really on, whose name we can invoke in need. Ask and he will be there.