

## *THE GAZE OF GOD*

**God saw how good it was...**

Almost as a mantra or musical repetition

God's gaze on all of creation is deeply **relational**, delighting in the goodness of each element. Seeing implies knowing, understanding, caring about...

The wild animals of the forest are mine,  
and the cattle on a thousand hills.  
I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the fields is mine. (Psalm 50:10-11)

The LORD said to Moses,

“ I **have indeed seen** the abuse of my people that is in Egypt and its outcry because of its taskmasters. I have heard, for I know its pain. And I have come down to rescue it from the hand of Egypt and to bring it up from that land to a goodly and spacious land...( Ex 3: 7-8)

## *THE GAZE OF JESUS*

**The gaze of Jesus is an invitation to relationship, discipleship.**

Some disciples of John the Baptist were approaching Jesus.

Jesus turned, and **saw** them following, and said to them, ‘What do you seek? When they ask Jesus where he lives, he says, “Come and you will see.” (John 1:38)

Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. “Follow me, he told him.” (Matthew 9:9) Pope Francis comments on this passage, saying, “**Everything begins with the gaze of Jesus.**”

**The gaze of Jesus also brings about healing:**

**Luke 7: 36-50:** We are invited into the scene: **behold...**

**The gaze of Jesus extends to all creation.**

## *HUMAN GAZING*

Cure of blindness: Bartimaeus: Mark 10:46-52

Parable of seeing and not-seeing: The Good Samaritan: **Luke 10: 25-37**