Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Aug 25th 2012

Every word of the gospel is addressed to every Christian without distinction; to the one who proclaims it, as much as to the ones who hear it proclaimed. It is "alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb 4:12). It can never be used, though it has often been used, by one person against another. It is not a dead instrument to be brandished at will; it is alive with a life of its own. The preacher cannot say, "You sinners…" but "We sinners…" because one edge of that sword is always turned towards the speaker

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