



Lenten

Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 5:17-19

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,

not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter

will pass from the law,

until all things have taken place.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments

and teaches others to do so

will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven.

But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments

will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Many of the religious leaders and teachers played a mind game called "Minimalism", a game which asks "What's the least I can do to follow a commandment yet not put much effort into it?" "Show" was the name of their game.

Jesus confronts this attitude in today's Gospel text. He speaks like a spiritual aerobics instructor. He expects us to bend and push and stretch when it comes to living the Gospel,

and when we think we are doing a lot, push more. The result? A peace and joy this world cannot give: promise.

Food for your Journey

You don't have to do great things, but the little things you are doing can be done with great conviction, great wisdom, great beauty and great love.

--Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, founder of Choristers Guild.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You gave everything for me during Your passion and humiliating death on the cross. Please give me a grateful heart so that I may love You completely in return. Amen.

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