



Daily Reflections

June 13, 2017

Scripture

2 Corinthians 1: 18-22

Brothers and sisters:

As God is faithful, our word to you is not "yes" and "no."

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us,
Silvanus and Timothy and me,

was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him.

For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him;
therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory.

But the one who gives us security with you in Christ
and who anointed us is God;

he has also put his seal upon us

and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

Our Scripture Reflection

To say that Paul was bold in his preaching would be an understatement! While there were rival preachers in Corinth who would preach what was pleasant to the ears of their audience, Paul clearly and without apology preached the truth of the Gospel without compromise.

Food for your Journey

I mean, even though we seem to be becoming a people which is increasingly more assertive, aggressive and articulate, I believe that we still tend,

generally speaking, to lean toward the powerless end of the spectrum. One reason for this belief is that it seems to me that a lot of today's assertiveness and aggressiveness is a defensive reaction of anger or hostility, or else a cover-up for fear and insecurity, and is hence not an authentic expression of solidity, maturity and security. Another reason that many of us are tempted to lean towards the powerless end of the spectrum is because this very often provides us with a convenient cop-out on our personal responsibility.

When I think of this first reason -- that a big noise is often a cover-up for insecurity, I'm reminded of the church janitor who, while cleaning the church on Monday morning, came upon the preacher's notes from his sermon of the previous day. Curious, he glanced at them and noticed something written in longhand in the margin of page three. He looked more closely and saw that the preacher had written these words: "Argument weak here. Pound pulpit extra hard."

--William A. Miller, *Big Kid's Mother Goose* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1976), 54.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Make me strong and courageous in my witness to Your Gospel. May I always reveal Your Truth despite the cost. Amen.