



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mathew 19: 13-15

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.

Our Scripture Reflection

In Jesus' day, children were not treated with the affection with which we treat them today. They were property whose value was in their ability to help with the family's work. Jesus' gesture of tenderness and love towards the little ones was counter-cultural, to say the least. But, is that not the nature of Christianity....to go against the grain of society by living the way of Our Lord?

Food for your Journey

Go watch a family playing together in a swimming pool sometime. The father is in the water and the children are standing on the edge of the pool, dripping wet and giggling. One at a time, again and again, they leap out over the water, trusting completely that their father will catch them.

He doesn't disappoint. There may be a few near misses, but the father is focused on his task and is determined to be reliable. And he is.

It's a metaphor for the life of faith. Trust is at the heart of it.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I pray this day for the love and protection of all children, those born and those waiting to be born into this life. May all people recognize them as gifts from You. Amen.