



# Daily Reflections

**November 13, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Luke 17:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Things that cause sin will inevitably occur,  
but woe to the one through whom they occur.  
It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck  
and he be thrown into the sea  
than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.  
Be on your guard!  
If your brother sins, rebuke him;  
and if he repents, forgive him.  
And if he wrongs you seven times in one day  
and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,'  
you should forgive him."  
And the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."  
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you would say to this mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

The first two verses of today's Gospel should produce fear and trembling in the leaders of the Church. Those who behave in an immoral manner towards little ones (children or those who are new to or fragile in their faith) can expect a devastating punishment. As Our Lord says in Luke 12: 48: " To those

who have been given much, much more is required." Church leaders:  
Beware!

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## **Food for your Journey**

Have you considered the meaning of the word "worthy"? Weigh it well ... I had rather you should be worthy possessors of one thousand pounds honestly acquired by your own labor and industry, than of ten millions by banks and tricks. I should rather you be worthy shoemakers than secretaries of states or treasury acquired by libels in newspapers. I had rather you should be worthy makers of brooms and baskets than unworthy presidents of the United States procured by intrigue, factious slander and corruption.

--John Adams, in a letter to his sons, quoted by David McCullough, John Adams (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2001), 608-09.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, I pray this day for those entrusted with the work of shepherding Your people. May they be humble and always realize that the flock belongs to You and that they are simply servants of You, the Good Shepherd. Amen.