



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 2: 18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to Jesus and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' critics fail to realize just Who it was in their midst...God Almighty incarnate! Because of their hardness of heart nothing that Jesus could do or say was acceptable to them. Jesus would not be deterred, however. He had the work of His Father to do. For those whose hearts were humble and open,

Jesus was "The Way, The Truth and The Life." Oh, how our world needs to hear this great news!

Food for your Journey

Changing the medium in order to better share the message is a central need of modern Christianity; if the people aren't in church, then the message needs to go out to where they are. Clinging to old ways of doing things is an effective way of losing a modern audience entirely. But we don't lose them because they're not interested in believing, we lose them because we aren't getting the message across.

British politician Benjamin Disraeli, an astute observer, said once: "Man is a being born to believe. And if no church comes forward with its title-deeds of truth to guide him, he will find altars and idols in his own heart and his own imagination."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Your Presence in my life brings me joy and hope. As I encounter people today who appear to be so weighed down with the pressures of life, help me to witness to Your way. Amen