



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Jeremiah 18: 18-20

The people of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem said,
"Come, let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah.
It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests,
nor of counsel from the wise, nor of messages from the prophets.
And so, let us destroy him by his own tongue;
let us carefully note his every word."
Heed me, O LORD,
and listen to what my adversaries say.
Must good be repaid with evil
that they should dig a pit to take my life?
Remember that I stood before you
to speak in their behalf,
to turn away your wrath from them.

Our Scripture Reflection

Jeremiah did not want to be a Prophet. He tried to refuse God's call but God would have none of it. So he did what good Prophets do: he preached. Jeremiah paid a very dear price for being faithful to God. In today's text we get a glimpse of a heart broken by the sins of an ungrateful people, of the very people he had hoped to save. Jeremiah is miserable but he will not give up on God's plan.

Food for your Journey

Viktor Frankl, a medical doctor who spent much of World War II in the concentration camps, wrote extensively on human choice and the meaning of life. He concluded that our freedom as humans is not freedom from conditions, but rather it is freedom to take a stand toward the conditions. This is the choice we face as believers. We cannot choose our past. But we can choose how we respond to that past and whether we will trust God with our pain.

—Nancy Scott, "Trusting God, loving others," May 1997, McKenzie Study Center Web Site, Mckenziestudycenter.org.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You care deeply for broken-hearted people. This is a promise You make: You are close. We pray for all those who are crippled by broken relationships. Our hearts take the blow of disappointment. We feel crushed because our hopes are dashed. God, heal broken hearts. We cannot fix our own wounds, but You can. If pieces of our heart have been lost, or are held captive by another, recover them and bring them back to us and miraculously "put us back together" so that our heart is whole again. You are a mender of broken hearts. We ask for this miracle. Amen