



Daily Reflections

August 11, 2018

Scripture

Matthew 17: 14-20

A man came up to Jesus, knelt down before him, and said,
"Lord, have pity on my son, who is a lunatic and suffers severely;
often he falls into fire, and often into water.

I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

Jesus said in reply,

"O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you?

How long will I endure you?

Bring the boy here to me."

Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him,
and from that hour the boy was cured.

Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and said,

"Why could we not drive it out?"

He said to them, "Because of your little faith.

Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you will say to this mountain,

'Move from here to there,' and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you."

Our Scripture Reflection

How embarrassing it must have been for the disciples because of their inability to cast out the demon in the demonically possessed boy. What was

their problem? A lack of genuine faith. It would not be until Easter before they would develop the faith that could move the mountains they encountered after Jesus had ascended and returned to the Father in Heaven. And it did happen. True faith comes as the result of trials and persistence.

Food for your Journey

Helping, fixing and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.

--Rachel Naomi Remen, Kitchen Table Wisdom (Penguin, 2006).

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I pray this day for the gift of an increased faith. Help me to work at building my faith each day and to never give up. Amen