



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 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

The disciples were busy men with places to go and people to see, adult people, that is. They had no time for children who, unlike today's standards, were looked upon as of little value. But Jesus had a different idea. For Jesus, to be a disciple means to humble oneself, to shrink the ego and see oneself as of little value. That attitude is what gives one entry into the Kingdom of God where the "first will be last and the last will be first."

Food for your Journey

"At eight, I was Raphael," he used to say. "It took me a whole lifetime to paint like a child."

--Marina Picasso, *Picasso, My Grandfather* (Riverhead Books, 2001), 182.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart as Your heart. Amen