



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 5: 33-39

The scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus,
"The disciples of John the Baptist fast often and offer prayers,
and the disciples of the Pharisees do the same;
but yours eat and drink."

Jesus answered them, "Can you make the wedding guests fast
while the bridegroom is with them?

But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them,
then they will fast in those days."

And he also told them a parable.

"No one tears a piece from a new cloak to patch an old one.

Otherwise, he will tear the new
and the piece from it will not match the old cloak.

Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins.

Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins,
and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined.

Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.

And no one who has been drinking old wine desires new,
for he says, 'The old is good.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

The scribes and Pharisees were a stiff-necked bunch. They were picky and petty because they considered Jesus a threat to their authority. How sad that they failed to recognize and appreciate the very Presence of the Son of God in their midst. The lack of humility is dangerous, my Friends!

Food for your Journey

Leighton Farrell tells the story of a "childless couple who wanted to adopt a little boy approximately 6 years old. They had visited several adoption agencies and finally found a child that was a match for their family. As they visited with the child, the wife said, 'If you would come and live with us, you could have your own private room, a nice yard with play equipment and all the toys and clothes you could ever want. Would you like to come and live with us?' The little boy hesitated a moment and said, 'No, I don't think so.' The couple was stunned. They felt that they had offered the child everything a child could want. The husband said to the boy, 'We've offered you everything anyone could want. What more do you want?' In words far beyond his years, the child replied, 'I just want someone to love me.'"

_Farrell, Cries From the Cross (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994), 36.

A Prayer from the Heart

Heavenly Father, You said through Isaiah the Prophet: "My ways are not your ways; My thoughts are not your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8). Open my mind and heart to the message of Your Son. Make me humble before His Word.

Help me to live His Word daily. Amen