



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 10: 17-24

The seventy-two disciples returned rejoicing and said to Jesus, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.

Behold, I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

At that very moment he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

Turning to the disciples in private he said,

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

For I say to you,

many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,
but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

Our Scripture Reflection

The disciples return from the successful mission excited like little children who can't wait to tell their parent what they have done. Jesus calls them to refocus their thoughts. While they have performed amazing works in His Name, what is most important is the fact that they have been given the promise of Heaven because of their relationship with Jesus

Food for your Journey

Darryl Hill was the first African-American to play football for the University of Maryland in the early 1960s. He received a great deal of abuse from fans throughout the South, but he was especially shocked by the shouts and taunts of the crowd at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Wake Forest had deep Baptist ties, and its team was known as the "Deacons."

As the pre-game warm-up ended, Hill noticed Wake Forest's captain approaching him. "I want to apologize for the behavior of my fans," he said to Hill. Then, draping his arm over Hill's shoulder, he began to walk him toward the Wake Forest side of the field, where the jeering was at its worst. By the time the two of them reached the middle of the field, the rude screaming had dropped to near silence.

Who was this courageous captain of the Wake Forest Deacons? According to The Washington Post Magazine (February 1, 2004), the player's name was Brian Piccolo, who, years later, would inspire the TV movie Brian's Song, which dramatized his relationship with African-American player Gale Sayers, and Piccolo's battle with cancer.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Keep me faithful to the work You have given me to do in this life. May I please You as I carry it out and give You the glory. Through my efforts here on earth may I be found worthy to enjoy Paradise with You on day.
Amen