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Scripture

Mark 10: 13-16
People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced the children and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Our Scripture Reflection

In today’s Gospel text Mark records a sharp contrast between the arrogance of the disciples and the humility of the little children. The disciples are focused on getting Jesus focused on His mission; there is a schedule to keep with places to go and people to see. But in their haughtiness, they fail to realize that Jesus wants only to see those who are humble and lowly...the children.

Food for your Journey
Phillips Brooks -- the renowned 19th-century Congregationalist preacher -- once said: "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, As the old song said, “It’s hard to be humble when you’re perfect in every way”. Lord, I am not perfect. I am a sinner who is dependent completely on Your love and Your Grace. Make me humble. Help me to surrender my life to You. Amen