**Luke 6:39–42**

Jesus told his disciples a parable:
"Can a blind person guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?
No disciple is superior to the teacher;
but when fully trained,
every disciple will be like his teacher.
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?
How can you say to your brother,
'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;
then you will see clearly
to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

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**Our Scripture Reflection**

In our Gospel passage, Jesus gives some commonsensical examples for helping the would-be disciple in his/her efforts with the faith. A blind person cannot lead a blind person. But neither can a person who has no faith lead someone to faith. We learn faith by what we see from people who are trying to live the faith. The more we grow in faith the more sensitive we become about being genuine in our living of the faith. Therefore, we have no right to point out and criticize the sins of another when we are guilty of the very same sins. Honesty, integrity and sincerity must be at the root of our efforts at living the way of Jesus.

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**Food for your Journey**
Will Willimon, in a chapel address called “Sin as a byproduct of worship,” tells the story of a friend of his who, while in seminary, served briefly as a chaplain in a state prison. He received a request from a father of a young man who was interned in the prison. The young man had committed a robbery in a little town and had been sentenced to many years in jail. He was angry, embittered.

The boy’s father came each week to visit him, but the lad steadfastly refused to see him. The chaplain was asked to intervene, to plead with the boy to see his father. But the young prisoner refused to reconsider. Despite his refusal, the boy’s father took off work every week, boarded a bus, and traveled across the state in the hope of seeing his son. Every week. And every week it became the young chaplain’s difficult task to ask the son, “Do you want to see your dad?” He then had to bear word of the refusal to the waiting father. The father would thank the chaplain, gather his belongings, and head toward the door for the bus trip back home.

One day, after telling the father the same thing, that his son would not meet with him, the chaplain said, “No one would do what you are doing. Your son is an embittered, defiant young man. Go back home and get on with your life. No one would put up with this kind of rejection, week after week. Nobody would do this.” “He has put up with it for centuries,” said the father, as he picked up his meager belongings and headed out.

And the young chaplain literally fell to his knees at this vision of the righteousness of God.

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**A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You are meek and humble of heart. I ask for the Grace to make my heart more and more as Your heart. Amen