Matthew 18:1-5, 10
The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?"
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Our Scripture Reflection
Unlike our own day, when children are viewed as the center of the universe, in Jesus’ day, children were valued as property, as future farm hands and workers in the fields. That’s why Jesus’ teaching certainly raised a few eyebrows. He praises "little one" because of their humility which is the result of their dependence on those older than them for care and protection. Jesus assures His disciples that beyond the care of their parents and other family members is the spiritual care they receive from their Heavenly Father through the Guardian Angels.

Food for your Journey
The journey inward is the journey from the issues of this world toward God. It is a journey toward the mind of Christ, beyond feelings of expediency or fear of what people will say, to truth itself. It is followed by the journey outward, back from the depths where we meet God, to the
issues facing us in our everyday life, a journey which we now undertake with a new sensitivity to the will of God in all things."

--John Dalrymple,
The Longest Journey: Notes on Christian Maturity

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, The am discovering that the most important lesson that Your Son taught was the need to surrender my life to You in humility and trust. Father, when I find myself in the midst of those trials during which I am tempted to go it alone, help me to stop, catch my breath and seek Your Grace. With You, all things are possible. Amen