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Scripture

Luke 17:11-19
As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Ten lepers were cleansed by Our Lord on the road towards Jerusalem, but only one returned to say, “Thank You”. And he was not one of the hometown boys. No, he was an outcast who was despised by the hometown boys, a Samaritan. So, why did he return? Why was he most grateful? Because he had true faith. He knew Who it was that could make him healed and whole.
Food for your Journey

The story is told of a group of farmers many years ago who decided to eat their best potatoes and to plant only the small ones. They kept up this practice for many years, even though they noticed the potatoes getting smaller and smaller. They blamed the weather and the beetles and the blight.

They kept it up until all of their potatoes were reduced to the size of large marbles. The farmers learned through bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of life and nature decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, Please give me the Grace to become truly humble so that I may be fully aware of how much I need Your love and care. May the gift of humility lead me to realize more and more that only You are God. Amen