



# Daily Reflections

**August 29, 2016**

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## Scripture

### **1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God,  
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.  
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.  
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,  
and my message and my proclamation  
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,  
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,  
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom  
but on the power of God.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

The community that Paul encountered at the Greek town of Corinth was a rather haughty one, conditioned by years of Greek philosophical influence.

When Paul comes to town, rather than try to compete with their lofty wisdom, he preaches his bottom line: Jesus Christ crucified. Paul realizes that for many this will be a difficult concept to comprehend because the Corinthians are locked into a "feel good" way of living. However, Paul will not give up. He is motivated by the love of Jesus and he wants the Corinthians not only to hear his message but to live it.

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## **Food for your Journey**

To fulfill our calling, it is necessary to do what French priest and paleontologist Teilhard de Chardin called "sacramentalizing the mundane," another way of saying, "Chop wood, carry water." Thomas Moore talks about washing dishes: "The ordinary arts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest. For example, I can't explain it, but I enjoy doing dishes. I've had an automatic dishwasher in my home for over a year and I have never used it. What appeals to me, as I think about it, is the reverie induced by going through the ritual of washing, rinsing and drying. Marie-Louise von Franz, the Swiss Jungian author, observes that weaving and knitting, too, are particularly good for the soul because they encourage reflection and reverie."

—As cited by Frederic Brussat and Mary Ann Brussat, *Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996), 536.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, as I go about living life each day, may my every word and thought be inspired by my love for You. Amen.