



Daily Reflections

September 5, 2016

Scripture

1 Corinthians 5: 1-8

Brothers and sisters:

It is widely reported that there is immorality among you,
and immorality of a kind not found even among pagans—
a man living with his father's wife.

And you are inflated with pride.

Should you not rather have been sorrowful?

The one who did this deed should be expelled from your midst.

I, for my part, although absent in body but present in spirit,
have already, as if present,

pronounced judgment on the one who has committed this deed,
in the name of our Lord Jesus:

when you have gathered together and I am with you in spirit
with the power of the Lord Jesus,
you are to deliver this man to Satan
for the destruction of his flesh,

so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not appropriate.

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened.

For our Paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Our Scripture Reflection

Paul is deeply hurt because of the immoral behavior about which he has heard in Corinth. He loves them as a parent loves their children. His remedy?

1. Remain faithful and pray for the wayward brother and sister

2. "Deliver this man to Satan" means to call the evil that is being done for what it truly is, evil. However, in doing so, the goal is to save his soul for Christ.

Food for your Journey

As every parent of an adolescent knows, and every adolescent with a parent knows, we hurt the hardest those we love the easiest.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, in this world where so many either do not know You or have turned away from You, keep me faithful to You. With Your Grace, may I be a brightly shining light for others. Amen.