



# Daily Reflections

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## **Scripture**

### **Mark 8:22-26**

When Jesus and his disciples arrived at Bethsaida, people brought to him a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Putting spittle on his eyes he laid his hands on the man and asked, "Do you see anything?"

Looking up the man replied, "I see people looking like trees and walking." Then he laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly; his sight was restored and he could see everything distinctly. Then he sent him home and said, "Do not even go into the village."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection:**

Today's wonderful Gospel story reveals an important point about the Christian spiritual life: Growth/conversion takes time. That Jesus had to lay

hands on the blind man a second time does not indicate that Jesus failed at first. No, "seeing", that is, having faith, is a process that takes time. Set your eyes of faith on the goal, perfect union with Jesus, and walk each day, one step at a time. And if you should stumble or fall....call out to Him, He will be there to help pick you up.

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### **Food for your Journey:**

The Harvard psychiatrist Robert Coles, in his new book *The Spiritual Life of Children* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1990), asked kids to draw pictures showing their feelings about God and to talk about them with him. Henrietta, a nine-year-old black girl from Boston, drew Jesus healing a blind man. Coles asked what she thought Jesus was saying and feeling when he did this healing. "Maybe Jesus sang while he healed," Henrietta replied. "When Jesus saw someone in trouble, His heart skipped a beat" (178-81).

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### **A Prayer from the Heart:**

Dear Jesus, Keep me faithful as I journey to Your Heart. May I know that You are with me as my strength and shield. Amen.