Lectio Divina

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¹⁷⁻⁵And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. ⁶And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. ⁷But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? ⁸And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? ⁹Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. ¹⁰So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

- Read and re-read out loud and slowly the Gospel.
- Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.
- Pray Thanksgiving Repentance Petition.
- Action Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this gospel we have two distinct sections, a teaching on Faith and a parable on humble service. When Jesus was asked by his disciples to increase their faith he told them that all they need is for their faith to be the size of a mustard seed to be able to do great things in his name.

What type of seeds are we planting in the heads of our children? Are we teaching them that the deepest reality in life is profit rather than human relationships based on care, understanding and love? Economics is quantifiable and love is not.

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who bring your love and compassion to all without fuss, knowing that you rejoice with them in all the good in this world.

Forgive us Lord for the times when we turn our prayer life into bargaining with you rather than being grateful to you for your blessings and care for us at all times even when we doubt you.

Help us Lord not to pamper our children giving them the illusion that in life we get quick rewards for our efforts. Let us challenge them as Jesus challenged us that if we want to do anything worthwhile in life, including being good parents, we must be ready to work hard and believe that Jesus is there helping us all.

