



Bringing Home the Word

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Childlike Faith

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Humble souls have a special ability to see things. We exclaim, “Out of the mouth of babes” when kids say the darnedest (and most profound) things (Matthew 21:16 and Psalm 8:2-3). What their uncluttered minds can catch and express with blatant honesty can be refreshing and funny.

Jesus enjoys this simplicity as well. He rejoices because, while “the wise and the learned” have rejected his preaching and mighty deeds, the childlike have embraced them. They are not afraid of the implications; they simply are amazed, impressed, and accept that no one but

God could do such things. Perhaps this is why artists often depict angels like little children!

Jesus can speak of heavenly mysteries because he is the Son. The Father and he are one and share in the fullness of knowledge. Christ sits in glory surrounded by cherubs and angels, yet comes down to reveal what the Father has given him. Let’s embrace all of his revealed word with childlike faith and not just pick and choose what suits us.

Another characteristic of little children is unending energy. It comes partly from their age but also endures because they don’t waste energy worrying or thinking about things they cannot control. They don’t plan, project, or prioritize. They live in the grace of the present. We will find that as we live simply and give our burdens to Jesus, we live more rested, peaceful lives. Let’s take on his childlike humility, which makes the burdensome easy and light. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

To do good...that is what God wants. He, who became small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. Who are they? They are those who have nothing to give in return, the needy, the hungry, the stranger, the prisoner, the poor.

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Sunday Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10

Behold: your king is coming to you ...Humble, and riding on a donkey.

Romans 8:9, 11-13

If you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Matthew 11:25-30

[Jesus said,] “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How can I yoke myself to Jesus, my Lord and king?
- What burdens, stressors, or disappointments can I hand over to God this week?