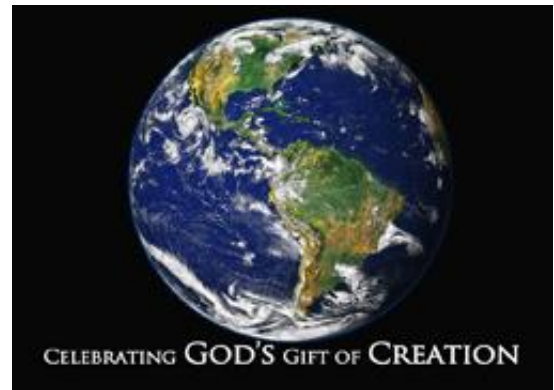


Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of April 30
Celebrating God's Gift of Creation
Small Acts Lead to Big Change



Each day slowly read the scripture a couple of times. Close your eyes and be with it for a moment in silence. How did it speak to you?

Sunday, April 30

Matthew 10:41-42 This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing.

Sacred Pause: Making a difference in the world can feel like a huge responsibility. Yet there are no great acts, there are only small acts done with love.

Monday, May 1

John 6:9-11 "There's a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that's a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this." Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted.

Sacred Pause: When it comes to making a difference we often think we don't have anything to contribute. The truth is nothing is too little for God to use.

Tuesday, May 2

Matthew 13:31b-32 The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It's the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches."

Sacred Pause: The vastness of God's creation can be seen in a tiny seed. When a tiny act is offered God is also seen rippling out and changing the world.

Wednesday, May 3

Matthew 17:20 "I assure you that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Go from here to there,' and it will go. There will be nothing that you can't do."

Sacred Pause: The longest distance in the world is from zero – one. Every race begins with the first step. Take a small step of faith and watch it grow.

Thursday, May 4

Luke 16:10a Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much...

Sacred Pause: It is in the day to day faithfulness of our small acts that eventually leads to transformation. God is in the small stuff doing big things.

Friday, May 5

Exodus 4:2 GOD said, "What's that in your hand?"

Sacred Pause: What if God has given you everything you need to make a difference in the world today? How will you use, small or big, what God has given?

Saturday, May 6

Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible for human beings. But all things are possible for God."

Sacred Pause: So much in our world looks impossible. Before you give up, remember that you are a co-creator with God and all things are possible with God.