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Daily Reflections



LIKE A CAMEL THROUGH THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE

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Excerpts from Today's Readings

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have and save Israel from the power of Midian. It is I who send you."

JUDGES 6:14

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

PSALM 85:11-12

"I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God." The disciples said: "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

Reflection

As reflection, I offer this poem. Ponder as you read the poem.

Through the Narrow Gate

The path to life's a winding road,
Never easy, not lightly strode,
Narrow, steep, often trial-fraught,
Pierces heart and boggles thought.

The world whispers a different way,
Of fleeting joy and passing care.
With shadowed hues and pleasure's sway,
It lures the soul to walk astray.

But Jesus speaks of something more,
A hidden treasure to explore.
A place where justice and peace meet,
Broken chains, eternally free.

He calls us to walk through this gate,
To choose His will with each new day.
Despite the scorn, the doubt, the fear,
hand in His, and cling to our Dear.

The path is arduous and long,
Attachments, control, we let go.
Act justly, walk humbly with Christ,
Persevere, surrender, and trust.

With God, no challenge is too great,
His boundless love's a lasting grace.
Be strong, fear not the narrow way,
Keep your eye on Jesus, the Way.

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For Pondering

- In the reading from Judges (full text [here](#)), God said to Gideon, “Go with the strength you have.” What is God referring to as Gideon’s strength? In what instances in your life do you feel like Gideon? If God were to say the same to you, how would you respond?
 - Jesus says that “with God all things are possible.” How does this statement challenge your perceptions of what is truly achievable in our spiritual lives?
 - In your current circumstance, what impossible things might God be calling you to trust God with?
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For Prayer

*O Beloved One,
help me to always remember
that my strength is in You,
my One Source.
No mountain too steep,
no valley too deep.
All is possible
in the One who gives me strength.
In gratitude,
may I always strive
to reflect your benevolence.
Amen.*

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