

Peace for the Journey ... May 25, 2010

Scripture Reading: [Matthew 5:13-26](#)

Our relationship with God affects our relationships with others -- and vice versa.

Multiple passages in Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, talk about God's expectation that our human relationships reflect our relationship with God. In the Sermon of Mount (Matthew 5-7) Jesus describes the radical nature of discipleship. He describes his disciples (us!) as salt and light for the world. Our saltiness and brightness is clearly connected to the way we relate to each other. In fact, Jesus says that broken relationships can interfere with our relationship with God, and that disciples should seek reconciliation as preparation for worship.

Today, prayerfully examine your relationships today. Spend some time honestly considering if there are any broken relationships in your life. Is there anyone you need to forgive? Is there anyone you need to ask to forgive you? Are there any relationships that need reconciliation?

Jesus describes a new way of living and says that the way disciples relate to each other is a witness (either positively or negatively) to the world. In prayer, ask God to open your heart to healing.

Dear God: Let your eternal light shine in my life today. Illumine the broken relationships in my life and guide me to reconciliation. Grant me the grace and courage to forgive and to accept the forgiveness offered by others. Heal the brokenness in me that keeps me from fully worshiping you and from obediently following your Son. Amen.