

## WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126:1-6  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 25, 2009

**Word:** **Commitment to community is faithfulness to Christ.**

**Theme:** **We are faithful to Christ when we are persistent in our faith.**  
[Perseverance]

**Promise:** ***“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”*** (Mk 10:52)

### Reflection:

The Theme for this week is: **We are faithful to Christ when we are persistent in our faith.**

In the first reading, Jeremiah reveals the setting of the long-awaited homecoming of the Israelites from their Babylonian exile. He says that sometime, somehow, God will deliver His people and bring them back to Jerusalem. The Israelites did not remain faithful to Yahweh. They worshipped idols so, God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to capture Jerusalem. The Israelites were then exiled to Babylon. Unlike the Israelites Jeremiah observed the commandments and never lost faith in God.

Like Jeremiah, we are exhorted to remain faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How then can we remain faithful to Jesus? As members of BLD Covenant Community, we only have to be firm in our belief that Jesus will take care of us as long we live, and move, and have our being in Him (Acts 17:28). We have been given a simple road map that each of us can follow. This is the **BLD Covenant** we signed when we manifested our desire to follow Him for the rest of our lives. Some of us, like Israelites of old, may have taken this Covenant for granted. We may have allowed ourselves to fall into the trap of “spiritual blindness.” And even when we continued to remain in community, we fail to experience the real presence of Jesus in our lives. We have failed to follow our Covenant pledges, which can allow Jesus to constantly transform us and deepen our relationship with Him. Instead, some of us may have remained double-minded – undecided whether to live a worldly life and be serious in commitment to live the life of Jesus.

If we want to be persistent in our faith, we have to follow our Covenant with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This Covenant begins with our complete surrender to God, our submission to the authority of Church authorities and servant leaders of BLD. We promised to be faithful in our daily prayers – personal, as a couple, and as a family, and to intercede for the community; that we shall read the Holy Scriptures and be faithful in attending the weekly Word Sharing Circles where we may share and receive consolation, affirmation, corrections to help us mend our former ways of life; where our brethren can intercede for us to help us in our daily struggles. We also promised to

receive the Sacraments as often as we can and to attend the Weekly Worship; to work in the Community mission fields while assisting others in their spiritual, personal, and material needs, and to put our trust in God by giving our regular tithes and love offerings.

As we strive to live the life of Jesus through faithfulness to the Covenant pledges that we signed, we can live in harmony with our brothers and sisters in community, our family, our neighborhood and our work place. When we undertake the mission of the Community, God will continue to bless us. We will experience the presence of God in our lives. Our faith will be built up day in and day out. Then as we remain faithful to Jesus, wherever we are and in whatever we do, we shall see the fulfillment of the promise: **“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”** (Mk 10:52)

**Suggested Personal Reflection Guide:**

1. How can I be aware of my Covenant with Jesus Christ?
2. How can I be faithful to my Covenant with Jesus Christ?

**Next Week’s Daily Mass Reading Guide:**

October 26, 2009 (Mon): Rom 8 :12-17 ; Ps 68 :2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 ; Lk 13 :10-17  
October 27, 2009 (Tue): Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21  
October 28, 2009 (Wed): Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-19  
October 29, 2009 (Thur): Rom 8:31-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35  
October 30, 2009 (Fri): Rom 9:1-5; Ps 148:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6  
October 31, 2009 (Sat): Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

***“Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ. Read your Bible daily!”***