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Sunday, February 18, 2007

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots.* —Frank A. Clark

A farmer grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair, where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

Here's a person who knows the value of staying connected to other people. He understood that his own welfare was in some way connected to the welfare of his neighbor. That's why we who live in peace try to help our neighbors to live in peace. That's why we who have found joy and meaning in our lives must seek to share it with others. It's a lesson in agriculture: If we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the good "crop of corn" that has blessed my life. Help me to be a good neighbor and assist others in growing "good corn" in their lives, too. Amen.

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Activity Page for the week of February 18, 2007

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Exodus 21-24

Monday: Exodus 25-27

Tuesday: Exodus 28-31

Wednesday: Exodus 32-34

Thursday: Exodus 35-37

Friday: Exodus 37-40

Saturday: Psalms 16-18

Verse to Remember

*The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock and
exalted be the God of my salvation.*

—Psalm 18:46

Plural Problems

Tobias Schimdt is an international student from Hamburg, Germany. He is having trouble learning the plural forms of nouns in English. Can you help him? Here is a study sheet he is working on from his ESL class. What are the plural forms of the following nouns?

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| 1. beau _____ | 11. crisis _____ |
| 2. hypothesis _____ | 12. leaf _____ |
| 3. alumnus _____ | 13. potato _____ |
| 4. scarf _____ | 14. fish _____ |
| 5. sheep _____ | 15. attorney _____ |
| 6. salmon _____ | 16. philosophy _____ |
| 7. son-in-law _____ | 17. church _____ |
| 8. mouse _____ | 18. wife _____ |
| 9. ax _____ | 19. deer _____ |
| 10. goose _____ | 20. moose _____ |

ANSWERS:

1. beaux or beaus
2. hypotheses
3. alumni
4. scarves or scarfs
5. sheep
6. salmon/s
7. sons-in-law
8. mice
9. axes
10. geese
11. crises
12. leaves
13. potatoes
14. fish (species=fishes)
15. attorneys
16. philosophies
17. churches
18. wives
19. deer
20. moose.

