

HomeTouch

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Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Knowing God makes us humble; knowing ourselves keeps us humble.*

The donkey awakened, his mind still savoring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride. He clop-clopped his way into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them," he thought. But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing their water and paid him no mind. "Throw your garments down," he said crossly. "Don't you know who I am?"

They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move. "Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where the good people are. They will remember me."

But the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to the donkey as he strutted down the main street in front of the marketplace. "The palm branches! Where are the palm branches!" he brayed. "Yesterday, you threw palm branches!" Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother.

"Foolish child," she said gently. "Don't you realize that without him, you are just an ordinary donkey?" Just like the donkey who carried Jesus in Jerusalem, we are most fulfilled when we are in the service of Jesus Christ. Without him, all our best efforts are like "a filthy cloth" (Isaiah 64:6) and amount to nothing. When we lift up Christ, however, we are no longer ordinary people, but key players in God's plan to redeem the world.

Prayer: Thank You, O God, for giving me a ministry. Help me to be faithful in whatever that ministry is, however high and exalted, or lowly and menial. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Daily Bible Readings

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SOUNDS THE SAME!

Homonyms are words with the same spelling but different pronunciations and meanings, such as a "minute" (60 seconds) and "minute" (very small). Each sentence below has two blanks that you are to fill with the same word.

1. The strong _____ caused the flag to _____ around the flagpole.
2. The violinist replaced his violin and _____ before returning to the stage to take a _____.
3. The doctor _____ some gauze around her bleeding _____.
4. She got a _____ in her eye when she saw the _____ in her new dress.
5. A _____ broke out in the last _____ of the classroom.
6. You should not _____ someone in the _____ without water and food.
7. He _____ for days because he could not afford the scooter, a bright red _____.
8. Our Japanese host asked us not, for his _____, to drink all the _____ because he needed some for other guests.
9. The _____ violin player loved to fish, especially for _____.
10. In a herd of elk, you'll notice that _____ do not have antlers, while the dominant buck _____.

Answers: 1. wind, 2. bow, 3. wound, 4. tear, 5. row, 6. desert, 7. moped, 8. sake, 9. bass, 10. does