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Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

TODAY'S THOUGHT: You can no more outgrow your need for God than you can outgrow your need for oxygen.

An old story tells of a company attempting to start a new pension plan, which required 100 percent participation. Every employee signed up except one. No amount of argument or persuasion could get this person to change his mind.

Finally, the president of the company called the man into his office. "Here is a copy of the proposed pension plan and here is a pen," he said. "Sign up or you're fired." Whereupon the man immediately picked up the pen and signed his name. The president of the company then said, "I don't understand why you refused to sign until now. What was your problem?" The man replied, "You're the first person who explained it to me clearly."

It seems like God has that same trouble with us. We don't seem to understand clearly. As a human race, we never seemed to get the message. God sent signs and wonders and prophets and still we rebelled.

And then God sent Jesus.

And then Jesus went to the cross.

And then Jesus died for us and was buried.

And then the tomb opened on Easter morning!

In today's reading (above), Thomas doubted the news he'd heard. But when he saw Jesus, and the nail prints in his hands, he understood "clearly." Let's be Easter people who understand "clearly"! Christ died for us! Christ was raised for us! Christ lives for us! Thanks be to God!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us clearly how great is Your love for us, and for making it possible for us to live a new life because of Your grace and mercy. 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