

# HomeTouch

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**Sunday, June 3, 2007**

**Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

**TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Gentle words fall lightly, but they have great weight.***

Spencer Morgan Rice tells the story of how, early in his ministry, he was serving a small congregation in the Los Angeles basin. The sexton of the church took as much interest in those who came to pray as he did the upkeep of the church. One man in particular attracted his attention. This man dropped by the church briefly every day about 12:15 p.m. He'd walk down the center aisle, stand at the chancel steps and stare at the altar for a moment. Then he would leave.

After a few days, the sexton began to worry. The man wasn't well-dressed. He wasn't the cleanest. He didn't always walk steady. The sexton mentioned his concern to Rice, who wondered if there was anything the church could do for him.

When the sexton asked, the man said, "No, thank you. I just come in every day and stand before the altar and say, 'Jesus, it's Jim.' It's not much of a prayer, I know, but I think God knows what I mean."

Months slipped by. The sexton never again mentioned their daily visitor. Then, one morning Rice got a call from the Mother Superior of a home for aged men run by the Sisters of the Transfiguration. These women minister to men broken by life. Jim had been admitted, so Rice went out to see him.

The Mother Superior met him at the door and said, "You know, Father Rice, Jim has been here for two months. He went into the most cantankerous ward we have. Every nun here has tried her best to bring some sense of joy and calm to that ward. We failed. Jim went into that ward and the place is transformed. It's a new place. I went to him two days ago and I asked, 'Jim, how is it that you have been able to bring such joy and such a sense of peace to these men?' And he said, 'Oh, sister, it's because of my visitor.'" "Jim, what visitor? I've never seen a visitor." And he said, "Sister, every day at 12:00 noon, he comes and stands at the foot of my bed and says, 'Jim, it's Jesus!'"

**Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for being "at the foot of my bed." Thank You for not leaving or forsaking me. In Your name, Amen.**

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# Activity Page for the week of April 1, 2007

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## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Deuteronomy 1-3

**Monday:** Deuteronomy 4-6

**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 7-9

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 10-12

**Thursday:** Deuteronomy 13-16

**Friday:** Deuteronomy 17-19

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 20-22



## 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