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Sunday, July 6, 2008

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

TODAY'S THOUGHT: No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else. —Charles Dickens

Today's reading includes one of the most-beloved texts in the New Testament. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28 NIV).

The Bible tells us to carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), so perhaps you have some people in your life who help you with your "burdens" from time to time.

But Jesus knew that some of the burdens we bear can only be lifted with divine help. That's why he invites us to come to him. In the Pacific Northwest, the timber industry pulls logs out of the forest and loads them on long, large trucks. These trucks will then transport the logs to the mill. But how do the logs get onto the truck?

Loggers use a "knuckleboom loader" for this purpose. This huge piece of equipment has a long "arm" with joints, which allows it to reach out toward a pile of logs. At the end of the "arm" are some "claws" which open and which then grasp a pile of logs like toothpicks and place them on the truck.

The lifting power of the "knuckleboom loader" is enormous! But it's nothing like the power of a "knuckleboom" Savior whose arms reach out to grasp our burdens, and to give us rest.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting me to rest, and to find my rest in You. Wearied and burdened, I am often unable to serve Yu as I should. Rested and unburdened, I can reach out and give support to others. In Your name. Amen.

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ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of July 6, 2008

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday: Acts 1, 2
- Monday: Isaiah 25-27
- Tuesday: Isaiah 28-30
- Wednesday: Isaiah 31-33
- Thursday: Isaiah 34-36
- Friday: Isaiah 37-39
- Saturday: Psalms 70-72

Verse to Remember

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.

—Acts 1:8

WORD SEARCH

The words for this week's word search are taken from the Old Testament story of the Ten Plagues and the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt. In the wilderness, they receive the Ten Commandments. Find the list of words at the right in the Word Search puzzle

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 R R S O T H U N D E R S R D L
 Z E O R C Y A A V E T E V O C
 S T H B W U A O D H H U U Z I
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| adultery | lamb |
| blood | locusts |
| boils | mother |
| bush | Moses |
| covet | murder |
| darkness | Passover |
| desert | pharaoh |
| father | plagues |
| firstborn | Red Sea |
| flies | Sabbath |
| frogs | Sinai |
| gnats | steal |
| honor | thunder |