

MAR 7

THURSDAY | LENTEN WEEKDAY


“At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.” Luke 10:21 NLT

[lectio] // LUKE 10:21-24

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

Jesus thankful prayer is a ! Who would expect Jesus to thank his father for hiding something? Hiding what? “These things.” These things are hidden from those who think they are wise and clever. Don't most think they're wise & clever? Nope. The simple believe that OTHERS are always smarter, better, faster and more accomplished. But he continues, “for revealing them to the childlike.” No wonder faith is easier as a child because, in general, there is more trust less pride. I've got to know what “these things” are. Are they simple things, that the wise overlook? Are they conundrums that are confusing to calloused crowds? Are they things that anyone should see by just watching, listening and believing? What is this wisdom, that God says is helpful in Proverbs, that is preventing faith in Jesus' followers?

[oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
I desire wisdom that is helpful to live and make decisions, but is not just to fill my head with knowledge and turn out to be “clever.” This clever kind clouds and complicates faith. This cleverness puffs up and prevents a childlike approach to see the hidden things of God. I don't believe they are hidden because they're too hard to find, but hidden because they are too hard to see with prideful eyes. I want to see. I want to believe. I want to experience you in profound simplicity, not arrogant manipulation to gain your approval or an upper hand to control others.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root