

*Daily Morning Message*

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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 119:9-16  
  Isaiah 44:1-8  
  2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Today's Scripture Verse:    *Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)*

What it means:                It is a real gift to be able to speak boldly the message that comes from our understanding of God without seeming to be boastful about one's own knowledge. Indeed, Paul himself has some difficulty with being genuinely humble; but his efforts to do so are commendable. His claim is that his message comes from God, revealed in Jesus, and not from himself. That's a good position to take, as long as we don't assume we have a better understanding of Jesus than others do.

Our time of reflection:    God grant us the confidence that comes from the knowledge of Christ, and the humility to listen to the testimony that comes from others as they interpret their own faith experience.

