

Thoughts on the Daily Word

11th Week of Year. Saturday 21st June. Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:24-34.

This is one of the most beautiful passages in the Gospel. Wonderful imagery is used from the natural world. We are discovering just how dependant we are on this natural world as we see how we are distorting and destroying it. We human beings are particularly resistant to being weak. We have a horror of anything that we cannot control or at least understand. Our science is wonderful in its increase in knowledge, but it can be just that, a method of control. Paul in today's reading boasts about his weakness because he trusts in Christ and yet his perception of knowledge, gained from his visit to heaven, is one of precisely that knowledge of the mystery of Christ. That is something that cannot be controlled or manipulated. He sees his opponents in Corinth as precisely that, engaged in manipulation and power games. The inevitable result of rule keeping and reliance on Law.