

January 18, 2008
Friday of the First Week of Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

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1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a

Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19

Mark 2:1-12

...that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth.

Here is that word 'authority' again. It is another way of saying the power that comes from a higher source. Today, this word reminds me that the only authority any of us hold is that which is given to us by God, and that which is given to us as we follow the word of God, Jesus. It always seems to come back to one very simple fact: we need to root our life in the radical gospel.

It is very important that right from the beginning we simply live the gospel. Live the gospel in prayer; live the gospel in words. You won't be able to give what you don't have. ~Mother Theresa