

January 31, 2008
Thursday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time
Memorial of Saint John Bosco

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

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29

Psalms 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14

Mark 4:21-25

*"To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has
will be taken away."*

Who we are today is who will be tomorrow—only more so, unless we cooperate with grace and open our heart to God's love and Jesus' message. This is a hard lesson to take in. Unfortunately, we are often deaf to this piece of wisdom when we need it most. But hopefully, if we hear the gospel enough, and if we have people in our lives to remind us and model for us its truth, we will eventually hear it. There is an easier way. It is prayer. Prayer transforms us. All we need to do is ask that our hearts be changed. Many years ago, while going through a difficult situation, I came across a song that I listened to daily for many months. To my surprise it worked.

*Soften my heart, O Lord,
Soften my heart.
From all indifference set me apart.
To feel your compassion,
To weep with your tears,
Come soften my heart, O Lord,
Soften my heart.
Taken from Praise 11
Maranatha Music*