



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 14: 21-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him,

"Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I told you."

Our Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel text, Jesus is pictured at the Last Supper speaking to His disciples the night before He died. During His "Farewell Discourse", He instructed the disciples on how they were to stay connected to Him even after His death. They are to love Him by keeping the commandment to love one another. Please note: The type of love to which Jesus refers is more than simply a warm feeling of affection. Rather, it is a decision, a choice to invest in another person. If by chance they should forget His instruction, the Father and Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to remind and instruct them of what He has said.

Food for your Journey

To assist with the challenge of obedient love, Jesus promises his disciples "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26). But how does it help?

"One of the most important aircraft of WWII was the P-38 Lightning. It was used for a variety of missions and was even exported to the UK for use by the RAF. But the RAF never got the performance out of the plane that the Americans did. You see, we left off the top-secret General Electric turbo-supercharger from the engines that we sent to our allies. The RAF version of the P-38 couldn't do what the American version could BECAUSE IT DID NOT HAVE A SUPERCHARGER.

"The Holy Spirit is the supercharger that enables Christians to do things that folks in the world could never imagine!"

—Ben Sharpe, "Love, Obedience and the Spirit," May 9, 1999, Cornerstone United Methodist Church Web Site, [Members.aol.com/cornerumc/990509.html](http://Members.aol.com/cornersumc/990509.html).

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to love others as You first and always love me. Amen.