



Daily Reflections

May 21, 2017

Scripture

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,

and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father

and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them

is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Our Scripture Reflection

"I will not leave you orphaned...": At times you may very well feel "orphaned", when you are grieving, when a plan you had falls through miserably, during a relationship break up, etc. However, Jesus promised His disciples, and us, that He will never leave us orphaned. We, however, must do our part. We must live as Jesus taught at all times. What happens when we do? We feel a communion with Him, an intimacy that is difficult to describe. He is faithful to His promise to be with us even until the end of time. You can count on that.

Food for your Journey

Samuel Truett Cathy was born in Eaton, Georgia, in 1921, the sixth of seven children. As a kid he helped his mother run a boarding house and at the same time delivered newspapers and operated his own business selling soft drinks. After high school, he served in the army, then opened a tiny restaurant - the Dwarf Grill (later renamed the Dwarf House) - with his brother.

Cathy, however, is best known as the founder of Chick-fil-A, a fast-food chain with annual sales approaching \$1 billion, despite being closed on Sundays. He opened the first Chick-fil-A restaurant in Atlanta in 1967 and the chain now has nearly 975 restaurants and more than 40,000 restaurant employees. Cathy is also the founder of both the WinShape Centre Foundation, which helps students succeed through scholarships and other youth-support programs, and the WinShape Homes Program, a long-term care program for foster children. His favorite truism is "It's easier to build boys and girls than to mend men and women." In addition, Chick-fil-A's Leadership Scholarship Program has provided nearly \$14 million in scholarships to employees since 1973. He is a man who lives to serve God. Woody Faulk, an orphan who Mr. Cathy put to work, and is now a vice president of the firm, says everyone knows that Cathy personifies James 1:22: "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

-Based on stories from Samford.edu, and horatioalger.com.

I find that doing the will of God leaves me with no time for disputing about his plans.

-George Macdonald (1824-1905)

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please be with me when I feel lonely and afraid. During the times of stress, help me to focus on You alone. Amen.