



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 15: 26- 16: 4

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.

And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away.

They will expel you from the synagogues;

in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.

They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me.

I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus had uttered an ominous prophecy at the Last Supper and it came true around 90 A.D. when the Christians were booted out of the synagogues. And yes, there were those zealous Jews who killed Christians "in the name of God." How did the early Christian community survive? The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, had been sent to them at Pentecost. Although the Holy Spirit didn't take the persecution away, it did strengthen them and give them courage to endure. Because of this, the early Church spread like wildfire.

Food for your Journey

Writing from a hospital bed, Robin Johnson says: "Presently I am in the hospital. I have been here eight days. Throughout these eight days I have been in contact with one angel. When you have a close relationship with God you can recognize God at work in your life and in the lives of others. Nurse Kathy turned around my attitude and my physical recovery by her care." Johnson's point is that when you're guided by the Holy Spirit, God will use you, perhaps a guide, or what she calls an angel, to help others.

--Robin Johnson

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You promised to be with me until the end of time. During those times that it is difficult to live my faith, give me strength through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.