



# Daily Reflections

**July 8, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 9: 14-17**

The disciples of John approached Jesus and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?"

The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth, for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse.

People do not put new wine into old wineskins.

Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined.

Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

"Can the wedding guests mourn while the bridegroom is with them?" We have all heard the old saying, "You never truly appreciate what you have until it's gone." That saying illustrates Jesus' words to the disciples of John well. He was only with them for a while. It was meant to be a time of conversion which would bring true joy to the converted. And so it is with our relationship to the Lord in our own day. Do we fully appreciate our time with Him during prayer, worship and as we do good things in His name?

## **Food for your Journey**

If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will, in the end, make no difference what you have chosen instead.

--William Law.

## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, As I live Your Gospel, I experience Your Presence in my heart. May others come to know You as they strive to live Your way. Amen.