



# Daily Reflections

**July 15, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 10: 24-33**

Jesus said to his Apostles:

"No disciple is above his teacher,  
no slave above his master.

It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher,  
for the slave that he become like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul,  
how much more those of his household!

"Therefore do not be afraid of them.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,  
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;  
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy  
both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.  
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,  
I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

In today's text we find a collage of sayings having to do with the life of discipleship. Jesus makes two fundamental points:

1. Humility is the essence of true discipleship
2. Humility leads to genuine faith and trust in Jesus

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## **Food for your Journey**

One morning, being very sad, I opened the Bible upon these words, "I will never, never leave thee, nor forsake thee!" Immediately it occurred that these words were written to me, why else should they be directed in such a manner, just at the moment when I was mourning over my condition, as one forsaken of God and man? "Well then," said I, "if God does not forsake me, of what ill consequence can that be, or what matters it, though the world should all forsake me ...?"

From this moment I began to conclude in my mind that it was possible for me to be more happy in this forsaken, solitary condition than it was probable that I should have ever been in any other state in the world; and with this thought I was going to give thanks to God for bringing me to this place.

--The desert-island castaway Robinson Crusoe, in the book of that title by Daniel Defoe (Wordsworth Editions, 1995), 87.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace of humility so that I may, once and for all, surrender my life completely to You. Amen.