



# Daily Reflections

**August 10, 2017**

---

## Scripture

### **John 12: 24-26**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,  
and whoever hates his life in this world  
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be.  
The Father will honor whoever serves me."

---

## Our Scripture Reflection

When Jesus said we must be willing to "lose our lives", He was not advocating martyrdom for everyone. He called His disciples to die to their old self-focused way of living. In order to be a true disciple, we must be willing to undergo a radical change from our former way of living and thinking in order to become people radically for Jesus and others.

---

## Food for your Journey

The SS hung two Jewish men and a boy before the assembled inhabitants of the camp. The men died quickly but the death struggle of the boy lasted half an hour. "Where is God? Where is he?" a man behind me asked. As the boy, after a long time was still in agony on the rope, I heard the man cry again, "Where is God now?" And I heard a voice within me answer, "Here he is he is; hanging here on this gallows ...."

-Elie Wiesel, quoted by John Shea in

Stories of God: An Unauthorized Biography (Chicago: The Thomas More Press, 1978), 151.

---

## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Help me with Your Grace to die to my old selfish and self centered ways so that I may rise as a new person in Your image and likeness. Amen.