



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 8: 19-21

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Our Scripture Reflection

Some have asked, "Did Jesus snub His Mother and family?" The answer is a resounding, NO. Jesus loved all people, especially His family. By not responding to His family's request to see Him, Jesus is teaching them, His disciples and us about discipleship. When we become His disciple, a relationship is formed that is greater than familial ties. Whereas earthly families exist only in this life, those who are a part of Jesus' spiritual family can hope to spend eternal life with Him one day in Heaven.

Food for your Journey

When Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened," he assumed we would grow weary, discouraged and disheartened along the way. These words are a touching testimony to the genuine humanness of

Jesus. He had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship. He knew that following him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love.

--Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out* (Doubleday, 2015), 101.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I surrendered my life to You at my Baptism. Help me, Lord, to be faithful to You so that one day I may enjoy eternal life with You in Heaven. Amen.