



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9: 1-6

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there.

And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town,

shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."

Then they set out and went from village to village

proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus gave the twelve Apostles His "exusia" (power and authority). Therefore, what they will accomplish will not be of their own doing. It will be the power and authority of Jesus working through them. Yet, even though they have the authority of Jesus, they will not be exempted from rejection. Since Jesus was rejected they can expect the same but the mission must go on.

Food for your Journey

The confidence proper to a Christian is not the confidence of one who claims possession of demonstrable and indubitable knowledge. It is the confidence of one who has heard and answered the call that comes from the God through whom and for whom all things were made: "Follow me."

--Lesslie Newbigin, *Proper Confidence: Faith, Doubt and Certainty in Christian Discipleship* (Eerdmans, 1995), 105.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please pour forth Your Grace upon me so that I can witness faithfully to You and Your Gospel despite the cost. Amen.