



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Mark 2: 13-17**

Jesus went out along the sea.

All the crowd came to him and he taught them.

As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post.

Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed Jesus.

While he was at table in his house,

many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples;

for there were many who followed him.

Some scribes who were Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and tax collectors and said to his disciples,

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus heard this and said to them,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Levi did not leave his job as a tax collector because he thought that such a move would change the opinion that the religious leaders, scribes and Pharisees, had of him. He was a sinner, damaged goods, and hopeless traitor in their eyes. But he was a son of God in Jesus' eyes. His reason for giving

up his lucrative job was to become a new man in Jesus Christ, nothing more, nothing less.

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## **Food for your Journey**

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened.

--Author/educator Helen Keller

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You have called me to become a new person in You. Forgive my sins and fill my heart with love so that I may live as You desire. Amen