



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 3: 20-21

Jesus came with his disciples into the house.

Again the crowd gathered,

making it impossible for them even to eat.

When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,
for they said, "He is out of his mind."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus' teaching was obviously too much even for His own family members. Amazing, isn't it? His Heavenly Father had cautioned through Isaiah the Prophet (55:8-9), "My ways are not your ways nor are My thoughts your thoughts." And so it is with Jesus. His teaching will always run counter to our culture. If we live as His faithful disciples, be prepared to be looked upon as "different".

Food for your Journey

"I hear you are entering the ministry," the woman said down the long table, meaning no real harm. "Was it your own idea or were you poorly advised?" And the answer that she could not have heard even if I had given it was that it was not an idea at all, neither my own or anyone else's. It was a lump in the throat. It was an itching in the feet. It was a stirring in the blood at the sound of rain. It was a sickening in the heart at the sight of misery. It was a

clamoring of ghosts. It was a name which, when I wrote it out in a dream, I knew was a name worth dying for even if I was not brave enough to do the dying myself and could not even name the name for sure.

--Frederick Buechner, *Listening to Your Life* (HarperOne 1992), 277.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have called me to be Your witness in this world. Help me to be courageous and true as I live Your way. May I never falter or fall. Amen