



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 6: 60-69

Many of the disciples of Jesus who were listening said,
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this,
he said to them, "Does this shock you?

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?
It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe
and the one who would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me
unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this,

many of his disciples returned to their former way of life
and no longer walked with him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe

and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Our Scripture Reflection

Simon Peter had it right, at least at this point in the Gospel. But as we know, he would turn away from the path that Jesus had showed him resulting in disillusionment and despair during the passion. On Easter, he returned to the Lord and followed His path all the way to glorious martyrdom. There is a message here for each of us who are trying to follow the path the Lord has set for us.

Food for your Journey

E. Stanley Jones tells of a missionary who got lost in an African jungle, nothing around him but bush and a few cleared places. He found a native hut and asked the native if he could get him out. The native said he could.

“All right,” said the missionary, “show me the way.”

The native said, “Walk,” so they walked and hacked their way through unmarked jungle for more than an hour.

The missionary got worried. “Are you quite sure this is the way? Where is the path?”

The native said, “Bwana, in this place there is no path. I am the path.”

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to walk the path that You set out for me in this life. And if I should stumble or fall help me to keep my eyes focused on You. Amen