



# Daily Reflections

**May 6, 2018**

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## Scripture

**John 15: 9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you  
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

"I chose you": Can you believe that??? It's true! Jesus chooses us to be His Friends and witnesses. You are probably thinking...."Why me?" "Really me?" "But doesn't He know about my sins?" He is God...He knows everything, in fact, more than we will ever know about ourselves. He sees what is hidden in the depths of our hearts. He knows our weaknesses but He also knows what His Grace will do for us. We have no excuses. Just say YES to Him...just do it!

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## **Food for your Journey**

A sweet-smelling Christian gives much, often and anonymously: "The best way to give is to give much, often and anonymously. Don't speak about your giving, and don't think when you give. Just give, both with your means and with your heart. And give spontaneously. Real charity can happen at any moment in life. I came to this country from France with a couple of hundred dollars in my pocket, and I started working as a dishwasher in a Houston hotel in 1964. At one point, I had to buy a car, and a coworker - someone I barely knew - offered to cosign for the loan. Was this charity? I don't think so, because he didn't give me anything material. Instead, he gave me his confidence, which was the greatest gift in the world. If you have the resources to give away a lot of money, then by all means do so. But don't underestimate the value of PERSONAL charity." -Michel Roux, "Giving Back," Fast Company, December 1999, 110.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You love me and You call me to be Your witness in this world. When I become weak and frustrated with my efforts, give me Your Grace. Help me to live as the person You created and redeemed me to be. Amen