



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 8: 18-22

When Jesus saw a crowd around him,
he gave orders to cross to the other shore.

A scribe approached and said to him,
"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

Another of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, let me go first and bury my father."

But Jesus answered him, "Follow me,
and let the dead bury their dead."

Our Scripture Reflection

You can be sure that Our Lord expects a great deal from those who would become His disciples. But what about the man who wanted to go first and bury his dead father? Should he had not been allowed to at least do that before getting on the road??? Jesus was not being uncaring. The man was conflicted. He was grieving and should have attended to the pious custom of burying the dead. Jesus statement to him was neither cruel nor flippant. He was saying in essence, "Let those who are spiritually dead bury the physically dead." To be a true disciple, one must be committed, dedicated and fully alive. Those who are not are unfit.

Food for your Journey

Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, "God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts."

The cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses and arguments.

The cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, "Me too."

--Rob Bell, Sex God (Zondervan, 2010).

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, I want to be Your disciple, I want to follow you and do Your work. Please remove from my Heart whatever might cause me to be conflicted with Your call and give me the Grace to be loyal and faithful to You.
Amen