



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 10: 24-33

Jesus said to his Apostles:

“No disciple is above his teacher,
no slave above his master.

It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher,
for the slave that he become like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul,
how much more those of his household!

“Therefore do not be afraid of them.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy
both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others

I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

But whoever denies me before others,

I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Living the Christian faith is not always easy, it never was easy and as Jesus tells us will never be easy. So how are we to do it? It begins by anchoring our lives completely, solidly and humbly on Jesus, the Rock. We will face hardships, our motives will be questioned and we can expect rejection and ridicule. But the closer we are to Our Lord, the better we are able to deal with our trials. If we ask for it, His strength will become our strength.

Food for your Journey

"There was a legend that a rich merchant scoured the Mediterranean world looking for the distinguished apostle Paul. He encountered Timothy, who arranged a visit with Paul, who was a prisoner in Rome.

"Entering the jail cell, the merchant found a rather old man, physically broken down. The merchant was amazed at Paul's personal peace and serenity . . . they talked for hours. The merchant left with Paul's blessing and prayer ... Outside, the merchant inquired, 'What is the key to Paul's power? I have never seen anyone like him in my entire life.'

"'Haven't you figured it out?' asked Timothy. 'Paul is in love ... Paul is in love with Jesus Christ.'

"The man looked even more confused. 'Is that all?'

"With a smile on his face, the young preacher answered, 'Ah, but that is everything.'"

--O. S. Hawkins,

Revive Us Again

(Nashville Broadman Press, 1990),107.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, My Rock, my shelter and my strength....Be with me during my times of trial. Rather than try to go it alone, keep me faithful to You. Do not

deliver me from the storms of life, but help me to walk through them with
You. Amen