



Daily Reflections

July 24, 2018

Scripture

Matthew 12: 46-50

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds,
his mother and his brothers appeared outside,
wishing to speak with him.

Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,
asking to speak with you."

But he said in reply to the one who told him,
"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Our Scripture Reflection

Far from being disrespectful to His Mother and family, Jesus was imparting a most important teaching about the essence of true discipleship. When one chooses to respond to Our Lord's call to discipleship one enters the deepest of all relationships, a relationship that is even deeper than one's relationship to their biological family. How so? The family of Jesus is a spiritual reality that lasts for all eternity. Death can not end it. Jesus' family begins here on earth but lives on in Heaven forever.

Food for your Journey

A song my brothers and I used to sing during revivals was a "motion song" that we sang more lustily with our hands than with our lips. It went like this:

We are building every day,

at our work and at our play;

Not with hammer, blow on blow,

not with timber, sawing so.

Building a house not made with hands,

following God's own perfect plan.

Little builders all are we -

Building for eternity.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I want to be a member of Your family, I want to live with You forever in Heaven. May I strive each day to live a life worthy of this honor.
Amen