



# Daily Reflections

**January 5, 2019**

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## Scripture

### **John 1: 43-51**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip.

And Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and told him,

"We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

But Nathanael said to him,

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,

"Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him."

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

Nathanael answered him,

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than this."

And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Something amazing happened in August of last year while sitting at Bob Evans for a breakfast meeting and waiting for a waitress to take our order. After a rather lengthy wait, a very nice young waitress stopped and asked if our order had been taken. Upon hearing that it had not she apologized and immediately devoted exclusive attention to us. As I looked at her I noticed a cross around her neck and an angelic and peaceful look on her face that just radiated love. Her appearance touched me, do you know what I mean? When she arrived with our food I asked her, "You're a Christian, aren't you?" to which she replied humbly, "Yes I am, how did you know?" I said, "Because I see the light of Christ in your face." Her eyes welled up with tears...good tears. Why did Philip and the others immediately leave everything and follow Jesus? Because when He said, "Follow me", there was something in His voice, and especially, in His face that touched them. My message for you today....what do people see in your face and hear in your voice that would inspire them to join you in following Jesus? Can they see the light of Christ in you? Wouldn't this be a worthy endeavor for you in this new year...to be His light to others, every day???

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## **Food for your Journey**

Things happen for a reason. Sandra Harris always believed that, but even more so after a gardening accident helped save her life.

The 68-year-old Modesto retiree was trimming trees when her hands slipped, causing a pair of heavy pruning shears to fall on her chest. After the swelling went down a few days later, she noticed an abnormality on her breast.

It turned out to be stage 2 breast cancer. The tumor was nearly 4 centimeters. ...

Her "accident" probably saved her life. Harris and her doctors decided in March of 2014 that she should take oral chemotherapy for several months to shrink the tumor before surgery. When she had surgery in January, she said her tumor was about 2.7 centimeters. ...

During the ordeal, she found comfort in her family and faith, embracing the love and prayers that were sent her way in her time of need. She also met a new member of her church congregation that she didn't know before -- the receptionist at the doctor's office.

--Adapted from "Accident turns out to be a blessing in disguise," 21st Century Oncology Website, [modesto.21co.com](http://modesto.21co.com), July 23, 2015. Retrieved April 27, 2016.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, As I Journey with You through the new year, I pray that You fill me with Your love. May Your love for me strengthen my faith and trust in You and give me true peace. May my face, my voice, my very life reveal Your Presence to all I encounter this year, especially the lonely, the hurting, the angry and depressed. When they see me, may they get a glimpse of You. Amen