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Scripture

Mark 3: 31-35

The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Our Scripture Reflection

Please note: Jesus is not being mean towards His Dear Mother and family! He was sinless. Why did He not drop everything and have an audience with them when they came calling? Jesus uses the occasion as a lesson on the nature of true discipleship. When one becomes a disciple, one enters the most important relationship possible. Our relationship with Jesus leads far beyond this life and to the life that never ends. Biological/human relationships are important in this life. But our life with Jesus is most important because its goal is Heaven.

Food for your Journey

It is to the cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it.

--Hans Urs von Balthasar, *Unless You Become Like This Child* (Ignatius Press, 1991), 57.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I became one with You the day I received You into my life at Baptism. Lord, on that day my life was changed forever. Help me to grow in my love for You. Help me to remain faithful to You at all times and in all things. Amen