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Scripture

**Luke 11:27-28**
While Jesus was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Our Scripture Reflection

An anonymous woman in the crowd shouts out a beatitude of praise for Jesus' Mother, Mary. But He responds with a redirection of her focus. For Jesus, Who said in Luke 8:19-21, "My Mother, my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it", the greater person in His Kingdom is the true and faithful disciple who acts on what they hear, of which His Mother proved to be first and foremost.

Food for your Journey

Expense planning can help clarify the meaning of life:
"Death is your truest friend, and your most reliable adviser. If you have doubts about the course of your life, you have only to consult your death for the proper direction. Death will never lie to you."

A Prayer from the Heart
Dear Jesus, I said “yes” to being Your disciple long ago but I have not always persevered in my commitment. Help me to be like Your Mother who said “yes” at the moment of Your conception and never gave up, even when her heart was crushed on Calvary. Amen