

A long, dark bridge spans across the ocean under a vibrant sunset sky with orange, pink, and purple hues. The bridge's structure is silhouetted against the bright horizon. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky.

Daily Reflections

August 30, 2020

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Our Scripture Reflection

By “losing one’s life”, Jesus does not mean that we all must become martyrs. But if we are to truly live as His disciples we must surrender our lives to Him. To do so means to experience a freedom and a joy that this world neither knows nor can give.

So, my Friends, if You are tired of needless anxiety, if worrying yourself to sleep is exhausting you, if trying to be someone you were never created to be has caused you pain....PLEASE, turn your heart, your life over to Jesus the Lord

Food for your Journey

The first lesson in Christ's school is self-denial.

-Matthew Henry.

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You call me to pick up my cross and carry it. And You don't just call me to do so, You set the example on the road to Calvary. Lord, keep me faithful to Your call. Keep me strong and resolute. And if I should stumble or fall, pick me up and get me back on the road. Amen