



Daily Reflections

September 30, 2020

Scripture

Luke 9:57-62

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." Jesus answered him, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Our Scripture Reflection

As Jesus walked a whole company of people followed Him, not only the Twelve. And from time to time various people would come up alongside him and engage Him in conversation as they were walking. A man, moved by Jesus' words and vision, says to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus' reply, however, isn't encouraging, but rather off-putting: "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." In other words, He is saying, I don't have any home. If you follow me, you have no home to call your own either. Does

that mean that disciples shouldn't look forward to home ownership? That's what it may mean FOR SOME.

Please remember: Jesus isn't offering to follow you. You are offering to follow Him and put up with the hardships and self-denial that come on HIS path. Are you really willing, even though it means sacrificing some comforts?

What about the man whose father has died?

Jesus' answer seems harsh. It seems to run counter to family responsibilities. It is strong: "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Who are the "dead" who are going to conduct the funeral? Jesus is speaking figuratively here of the spiritually dead, those who have put off following Jesus. The spiritually dead put family responsibilities BEFORE their responsibilities to Jesus. But the spiritually alive are to follow.....NOW!

Food for your Journey

"Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way." --Gen. George Patton, U.S. Army (1885-1945).

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, To say "I will follow You", means I will put You above all people and all things and at all times. It's a tall order and one only for the person who is seriously committed to You. Please give me all the Grace I will need to remain faithful to You. Amen