



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus went out along the sea.

All the crowd came to him and he taught them.

As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post.

Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed Jesus.

While he was at table in his house,

many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many who followed him.

Some scribes who were Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and tax collectors and said to his disciples,

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus heard this and said to them,

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Our Scripture Reflection

One of the most un-Christian things that one person can say about another person is, "He'll never change." Why? Because if you truly believe that the Lord's Grace is amazing, then with His Grace, all things are possible. In today's Gospel text, a despised tax collector leaves his way of life in order to follow Jesus. And even though this entailed a significant sacrifice on Levi's part, the religious leaders will not give him a break. Their self-righteousness and lack of humility indicate that they, not Levi, are sinners.

Food for your Journey

The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have called me to be Your disciple. Give me the Grace, the courage and the faith to live that call in humility. Amen.