

Lenten

Reflections



The Divine Intervention

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Scripture

Luke 5:27-32

Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me."

And leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him.

Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were at table with them.

The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus said to them in reply,

"Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Levi drop everything immediately and follow Jesus? Why did so many tax collectors and sinners flock to Him? They knew they were sick and needed healing from the only One who could heal them and make them whole, Jesus. As we begin the Lenten season, are you seeking Him out? Are you aware of how much you need Him?

Food for your Journey

I want to love God, but also to make a career. I want to be a good Christian, but also have my successes as a teacher, preacher or speaker. I want to be a saint, but also enjoy the sensations of the sinner. I want to be close to Christ, but also popular and liked by people. No wonder that living becomes a tiring enterprise.

—Henri Nouwen.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, I want to be happy, but even when I seem to be having successes I feel empty inside. Lord, bring me close to Your heart so that I can experience the happiness that only You can give. Amen.