



# Daily Reflections

**September 15, 2016**

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## Scripture

### **1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters,  
of the Gospel I preached to you,  
which you indeed received and in which you also stand.

Through it you are also being saved,  
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you,  
unless you believed in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he was buried;  
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,  
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

After that he appeared to James,  
then to all the Apostles.

Last of all, as to one born abnormally,

he appeared to me.  
For I am the least of the Apostles,  
not fit to be called an Apostle,  
because I persecuted the Church of God.  
But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace to me has not been ineffective.  
Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them;  
not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.  
Therefore, whether it be I or they,  
so we preach and so you believed.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Paul wrote his First Letter to the Corinthians around five to seven years before the first Gospel was put into writing. Today's text is so important because it gives us a clear picture of the teaching of the early Church on the Resurrection of Our Lord. Notice Paul's humility as he describes his fascination with the fact that the Lord would bother to appear to him, of all people! Another example of how the Lord speaks to those who are humble of heart.

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## **Food for your Journey**

One reason why God may not seem to be appearing to us more frequently is because we are more into transmitting than we are receiving. A luncheon conversation with a friend led to her interrupt a monologue: "You simply aren't hearing me. You're transmitting fine, but your receiver is not working." How many of us have the same problem?

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please open my ears and heart and make me humble so that I may always be open to Your gracious word. Amen.

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