



# Daily Reflections

**January 24, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Mark 3:31-35**

The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

No other religion in the history of the human race believed that its Deity desired to be "family" to its adherents as does Christianity! Think about it, if you do the will of God, then you are family to Jesus. Amazing!

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## **Food for your Journey**

The strongest witness of the early Christians came not when they struck back at those who persecuted them, but when they loved their enemies.

One powerful example: In times of plague, when the pagans deserted the cities leaving behind friends and family members who were sick, the Christians often stayed on, caring for Christians and pagans alike at great personal risk to themselves.

--Rev. M. Park Hunter, Onalaska UMC, Onalaska, Wisconsin.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace that I need to live as Your disciple. If I encounter hardship for doing so, give me strength and courage to remain faithful to You. Amen.