



Daily Reflections

April 13, 2016

Scripture

John 6:35-40

Jesus said to the crowds,
"I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

But I told you that although you have seen me,
you do not believe.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him

may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text contains some of the most beautiful words in the entire Bible, "I will not reject anyone who comes to me." What a powerful statement of love for us made by God. Why would we not want to come to Him?

Food for your Journey

There is an old story about a young boy who consistently disobeyed his parents, coming home late from school. On one particular day, his parents warned him that he must come home on time that day, at all costs, or else there would be serious repercussions. The boy arrived later than ever.

As he walked through the door, neither his mother nor his father said a word to him. At dinner, the boy looked down at his plate and saw only a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but still his father said nothing. Without a word, the father took his son's plate and placed it in front of himself. Then, he took his own plate full of food, set it in front of the boy, and smiled at him.

No words were exchanged, but years later the son recalled: "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me sacrificially and unconditionally. Help me to show my gratitude for the gift of Your love by living the way of Your Gospel. Amen.
