



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **John 1:45-51**

Philip found Nathanael and told him,

“We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

But Nathanael said to him,

“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,

“Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him.”

Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael answered him,

“Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Jesus answered and said to him,

“Do you believe  
because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?  
You will see greater things than this.”  
And he said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you,  
you will see heaven opened and the angels of God  
ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Jesus upon seeing Nathaniel said of him, "There is no duplicity in him." In other words, Nathaniel had an undivided heart. He is honest and true. He was no hypocrite! How about you? Are you single minded and single hearted when it comes to living what you believe about Jesus? It's a challenge, for sure, but not impossible if we ask for the Lord's amazing Grace.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Millions of people throughout the world call themselves Christians. From Roman Catholics to Protestants, from fundamentalists to liberals, there are many different perspectives about what it means to be a Christian. One can become lost in the complexity of beliefs, dogmas, moral injunctions and religious rites.

But in a larger context — that of daily life — it is often impossible to distinguish one Christian from another, or even a Christian from a non-Christian. Most Christians blend in with the values, lifestyles, economics and politics of the predominant culture of their society.

But it wasn't always this way. Once upon a time, Christians stood out from the crowd.

—Kurt Struckmeyer, <http://followingjesus.org/>.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, I believe in You, I love You. In a world where so many people do not know You, keep me faithful and true as I seek to live Your Gospel. Amen.