



Daily Reflections

January 4, 2017

Scripture

John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,

was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah," which is translated Christ.
Then he brought him to Jesus.
Jesus looked at him and said,
"You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas," which is translated Peter.

Our Scripture Reflection

"What are you looking for?" Jesus asks the soon to be disciples. They were obviously looking for what He had to offer or they would not have left everything to follow Him. What an important question for us to ponder as we take our first steps into the new year. The disciples would learn in time that only Jesus could satisfy their deepest longings. Do you know that yet?

Food for your Journey

Before every Billy Graham crusade they do something called "Operation Andrew." The basic idea behind Operation Andrew is that people who know Jesus encourage their loved ones who do not to attend the crusade. "We don't know how many other people Andrew brought to salvation," says Billy Graham Ministries. "But the record on that first one is crystal clear. Simon Peter became, by God's grace, one of the dynamos that powered the early church."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Only Your love for me can satisfy the deepest longings of my heart. As I continue my journey into the new year, help me to focus on You and to remain faithful to You. Amen.