



Daily Reflections

September 21, 2016

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed by,
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post.
He said to him, "Follow me."
And he got up and followed him.
While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners came
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.
The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples,
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
He heard this and said,
"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.
Go and learn the meaning of the words,
I desire mercy, not sacrifice.
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Our Scripture Reflection

Can you imagine how much income Matthew relinquished by getting up from his custom's post and immediately following Jesus? How could he do such a thing? Simple. He knew he was a sinner and even more, he knew the One who could forgive and heal him. That day, everything changed for Matthew. That day, he gave up Caesar's empire for the Kingdom of God.

Food for your Journey

Even if you're on the right track -- you'll get run over if you just sit there.

--Arthur Godfrey

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Lord, at times the weight of my sins burdens me heavily. My heart longs for peace. Give me the Grace to let go of all that is wrong so that I may live the righteous way in You. Amen.