



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-12



"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love."

**- Pope Francis
(Amoris Laetitia, 325)**

The disciples did not fully understand what Jesus meant. Thomas and Philip, asked questions because they felt uncertain about the future. In many ways, families today experience similar moments of uncertainty and anxiety. Life does not always unfold according to our plans. Parents may worry about their children's future, about their faith, their struggles in school, or the challenges they face in life.

This is especially true for families raising children with special needs. Their journey often requires extraordinary patience, courage, and love. Daily routines may involve therapy sessions, medical appointments, or learning new ways to communicate and support their child. There can be moments of exhaustion and questions such as: Why is this journey so difficult? How will my child grow? Who will care for my child after I am gone?

Yet within these struggles, something beautiful often emerges – accompaniment. **Family accompaniment means walking patiently with one another, especially when the road is difficult.** It means parents who tirelessly advocate for their child, siblings who learn to be understanding and protective, and grandparents who offer encouragement and prayer.

This kind of faithful presence reflects the way Jesus accompanies us. Jesus does not promise that life will always be easy or that every question will have an immediate answer. Instead, He promises to be with us and to lead us.

When Jesus says, "I am the Way," He invites us to walk with Him, step by step, even when the path seems unclear. When He says, "I am the Truth," He reminds us that every person is precious in the eyes of God. And when He says, "I am the Life," He assures us that love, patience, and compassion within families are signs of God's life at work among us.

Families who accompany one another in love become living witnesses of Christ. They show that following Jesus is not about having all the answers, but about trusting Him and walking together in love. ✠

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MONTHLY FOCUS: **FAMILY: Accompaniment**

Trust in God and Walk Together in Love



Jesus begins his farewell note by speaking tenderly to his disciples who are troubled and confused about His departure. He tells them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." Then He gives them one of the most powerful assurances in Scripture: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."