



REFLECTIONS

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But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

Set Apart

Dawn's quiet glow filters silently through the windows disturbing only the darkness. Its appearance is much the same as other days, but this dawn *is* different. It's different not from the presence of it but from what will happen next. This one is set apart. No other day has been like this one nor will another one ever be. It is holy.

Holiness is a state of being that feels out of reach. Only God is holy we think. But if only God is holy, would He tell us to be holy? Does God ask us to be something more than He made us to be? Isn't your life set apart from all others? No other has ever been like it. No other will ever be. It is holy.

When we stop to think about the way we live, what do we see? When we pause to consider why God placed us on this earth, do we find that God asked us to blend into the crowd, to become like everyone else? Or do we discover that God made us special, set apart, holy?

Day after day, we find ourselves in pursuit of food to sustain us, shelter to protect us, and knowledge to help us grow. We see successes others enjoy and seek to be like them. We rear our children to help them be the best *they* can be, while examples we set teach them to be like we are. But our creator set us apart from all the others; and He set apart our children too.

Dawn's quiet glow filters silently through the windows each day into the places we live. So does your life. Each day may seem to begin the same. But this one is different not for its presence, but for what you will do with it. It is holy.

Today is set apart to express love to someone dear and to forgive someone who has hurt you deeply. Today is set apart to bring joy to those with saddened hearts and to feed those in need of nourishment. Today is set apart to lead the lost, and to care for the needy. Today is set apart for those special things unfinished from yesterday and to ask forgiveness of those you mistreated or overlooked. Today is holy—a day to thank God for the blessing of life. Today is holy, set apart just for you to be who God made you to be.

God set you apart from all others. You are holy because God is holy. He set you apart to bring a quiet glow of light into the world that only you can bring. He told you so when He said:

You are the light of the world,

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