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Daily decisions

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Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where

you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil! In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13: 22-30)

To be pleasing to God it is necessary, yet not sufficient, to pray to him or to go to Mass. It is also fundamental to do His will. A faith that is only intellectual or spiritual, but without commitment to putting it into practice in each and every day is not sufficient for our salvation. So let us strive to remember God's Word in all the daily decisions we face , even if it means making an effort and being rejected by the world. Do you care more about what men think of you or what God thinks? Be honest.