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"I will not reject anyone who comes to me."

John 6:37



The ongoing immigration crisis in the United States is more than a political or legal issue; it is a human crisis. Thousands of people flee violence, poverty, and oppression, only to face rejection, detention, and uncertainty at the border. Many experience deep trauma as they leave behind their homes, endure perilous journeys, and encounter hostility in their pursuit of safety and dignity.

This crisis echoes the story from Acts 8:1-8, where early Christians were scattered due to persecution, forced to leave everything behind. Like them, migrants today often do not go by choice but out of desperation. They seek a land where they might build a future for their families, yet they are met with suspicion and rejection. The psychological wounds of displacement, fear, loss, and the constant struggle for acceptance mirror the cries of those persecuted in Scripture.

Yet, even while suffering, the Gospel offers a promise: *"I will not reject anyone who comes to me."* (John 6:37). This is not just a spiritual promise but a call to action. If Christ welcomes all, how can we, as His followers, turn away those seeking refuge? The trauma of migration cannot be healed by walls or policies alone; it requires communities willing to extend compassion, listen, and advocate for just and humane treatment of immigrants.

The Psalm reminds us to *"shout joyfully to God"* (Psalm 66), yet for many migrants, joy feels like a distant dream. As people of faith, we are called to be bearers of hope, to

transform rejection into welcome, and to walk alongside the brokenhearted. Just as Philip in Acts brought healing and joy to the displaced, we, too, must stand in solidarity with those suffering at our borders.

May we open our hearts and communities so that those seeking safety may find not rejection

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