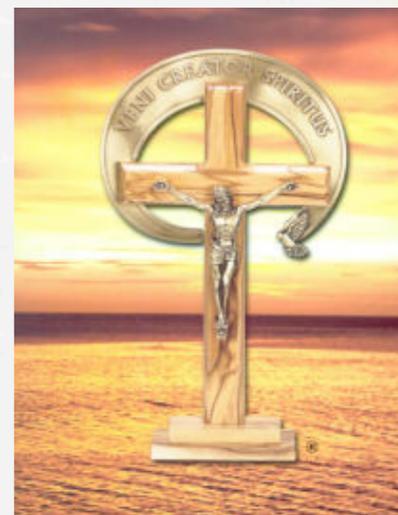


LET THE FIRE FALL

DEEPER SURRENDER
TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



4th Presentation (Part 1)

THE KEY TO FULFILLMENT

When self-sufficiency and freedom are severed from their dependence upon and completion in God, the human person creates for himself a false destiny and loses sight of the eternal joy for which he has been made. The path to rediscovering humanity's true destiny can only be found in the re-establishment of the priority of God in the heart and mind of every person.

Above all, to keep God at the center of the life of the faithful, the preaching of you and your clergy must be personal in its focus so that each Catholic will grasp in his or her innermost depths the life-transforming fact that God exists, that he loves us, and that in Christ he answers the deepest questions of our lives. Your great task in evangelization is therefore to propose a personal relationship with Christ as key to complete fulfillment.

Pope Benedict XVI -Address Bishops of the Philippines



STRETCHING OUR HEARTS

- ✿ Repentance - making more room for the Holy Spirit by removing the dirt and things that clog our sponges.
- ✿ Rooting ourselves in the Truth - Magisterium.
- ✿ Standing on the Word of God.
- ✿ Rediscovering the beauty, power, and majesty, of the Holy Mass.

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- ✿ Relearning the value, need, of sharing in Christ's sufferings.
- ✿ Breaking away so that we can engage. More silence and quiet in our lives.
- ✿ Praying constantly in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ✿ Recognizing strongholds and the work of the enemy.
(Discernment)
- ✿ Evangelization in the midst of chaos (Flexibility, openness to new things) (examples in Acts 9 & 10 Anaiias & Cornelius)

GOSPEL DISCERNMENT

This Gospel discernment is based on trust in the love of Jesus Christ, who always and tirelessly cares for his Church (cf. Eph. 5:29), he the Lord and Master, the key, the center and the purpose of the whole of human history.(17) This discernment is nourished by the light and strength of the Holy Spirit who evokes everywhere and in all circumstances, obedience to the faith, the joyous courage of following Jesus, and the gift of wisdom, which judges all things and is judged by no one (cf. 1 Cor. 2:15). It rests on the fidelity of the Father to his promises.

Pope John Paul II - I Will Give You Shepherds #10

TOTAL TRUST & SURRENDER

On the other hand, let us not have a false idea of what God requires of us. God is our Father, good and compassionate, Who knows the shortcomings of His children, the limitations of our judgment. He asks of us goodwill, the right intentions, but in no way does He demand that we would be infallible and that all of our decisions would be perfect! And additionally, if all our decisions were perfect, this would, without doubt, do us more harm than good! We would quickly take ourselves for supermen.....

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To conclude, the Lord loves him more who equivocating, even when he is uncertain, and who abandons himself with confidence to God as to the consequences, rather than the one who torments his spirit unceasingly in an effort to know what God expects of him and who never decides. Because, there is, in the first attitude, more abandonment, confidence and therefore love, than in the second. God loves those who make their way with freedom of spirit and who don't "split hairs" too much over the details. Perfectionism doesn't have much to do with sanctity.

Searching For & Maintaining Peace - Fr. Jacques Philippe p.

WAGING WAR

CECE WINANS

Anoint my head anoint my
feet
Send your angels raining
down
Here on the battle ground
For your glory
Were taking territory
Fighting unseen enemies
Like never before
Were Waging War

(Bridge)
I'm tired of principalities
Messing with me
(Waging war)
I'm tired of the devil
Stealing from me
(Waging war)
I promise he won't get
One more thing
(Waging war)

I'm taking it back
Taking territory
(Waging war)
I'm ready for the battle
I'm ready to win
(Waging war)
My weapon of power
He lives within
(Waging war)
I can't be defeated
The enemy's gotta flee
(waging war)
I'm taking it back
Taking territory

Going into battle
Going into battle
Going into battle

Be my sword

Be my shield
As we claim the victory
Over the enemy
In your name
You rule and reign
Never being defeated
Anymore
Were waging war

(Go back to bridge)

(Bridge 2)
Fire by night
Cloud by day
A strong tower
Send the latter rain
Lion of Judah
Lord, God,
Mighty In battle

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ✿ How has the Lord been stretching your heart to receive more of His abundant grace and mercy?
- ✿ What are you looking forward to in the days ahead?
- ✿ What are you concerned about and in need for prayer? Spend some time in your groups interceding for each other. “Perfect love casts out fear!” (cf. 1 John 4:18)
- ✿ Be in prayer for the Healing Mass this evening. Jesus loves you and has something special and awesome for you tonight. Believe it!!