**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**(How to be good disciples of Jesus today)**

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**JESUS ​​SOURCE OF TRUE JOY**

**It is right to ask oneself: When does Jesus fill the heart with joy, with life? When does he sustain us and give light to our hearts, especially in suffering in precarious health? When do we taste his presence in our life?**

**When one is one body and one life with Him. When is one a body and one life with Him? When we are only one obedience with him. When are we only one obedience?**

**We are one obedience when we do his will as He does the will of the Father. When do we do his will? When we dwell in his Word, in his commandment and in his Holy Spirit.**

**His Word is the Gospel. His commandment is the mutual love of one to another according to the example He has left us. One dwells in the Holy Spirit living charisma, ministry and vocation according to truth.**

**Jesus gives everything to whoever lives in his Word, lives by his Word, thinks according to his Word, without adding anything to it and without taking anything away. Christ knows who is in his Word. He does not know others.**

**Not even in eternity, before the Father, he will know who is not in his Word. Whoever knows his Word before men, He will know him before his Father in heaven. Those who do not know him will not be known.**

**Today the Christian lie is truly diabolical and satanic. The Christian denies the truth contained in every Word of Holy Scripture in general and of the Gospel in particular and claims to have all the goods of salvation.**

**Joy, life, light and peace are in the Word, never out of it. If they were outside the Word, there would be no need to be a thing with Christ, a single will that obeys and a single heart that loves.**

**This truth must be shouted to the Christian and to every other man. The gifts of Christ are tasted in the house of Christ. The younger son tasted the good of his father in his father's house. Not out of it, when he was in the far country.**

**The joy of the Gospel is in the Gospel. Inviting to rejoice and to delight is inviting to enter the Gospel and to dwell in it for all the days of our life. Out of the Gospel one does not rejoice and neither does he exult. He is not in the Word.**

**When a Christian is in sadness it is because he is outside the Gospel. He does not live in the Father's house. As soon as the rich notables left the will of Lord Jesus, he went away sad. His many goods did not give him joy.**

**If his goods filled his heart, why does sadness envelop his heart? This is the most obvious sign that things do not give true joy. Things give an ephemeral, a lying, an illusory joy, full of lies.**

**THE INVITATION OF JESUS**

**These words of Jesus must be remembered in their entirety. It's true. Jesus invites those who are tired and weary to take refuge with Him. He knows how to restore a heart. We take refuge with Him, taking refuge in Him.**

**We take refuge in him, taking refuge in his Word. Jesus and the Word, Jesus and the Gospel are inseparable forever. Separating Jesus from the Gospel and the Gospel from Jesus is walking with a false Jesus and a false Gospel.**

**"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to the little ones. Yes, oh Father, because in this way you have decided in your benevolence.**

**Everything has been given to me by my Father; no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son wants to reveal him.**

**Come to me, all of you who are tired and oppressed and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, that I am meek and humble of heart, *and you will find refreshment for your life*.**

**For my yoke is sweet and my weight light" (Mt 11: 25-30). The Father put everything in Christ. Christ has put everything in the Gospel. The house of Christ, of the Holy Spirit and of the Father is the Word of Jesus.**

**God dwells in whoever lives and dwells in the Gospel, the house of God and of the disciple. In the Gospel we meet, we have relationship and we give ourselves. The disciple in Christ gives himself to the Father, the Father in Christ gives himself to the disciple.**

**One comes out of the Gospel, he gets out of the house of God. One enters the Gospel, he enters the house of God. Even with Christ Jesus and with the Holy Spirit every relationship is in the Gospel. We are in the Gospel when we live the Gospel.**

**When one is in the Gospel, every cross is lived on the model of Christ the Lord. It is offered to the Father for the redemption and the salvation of the world. In the Gospel a cross never becomes despair, but always great hope.**

**Christian pain in the Gospel, Christian pain out of the Gospel, pagan pain without Gospel are not the same pain. Only the pain experienced in the Gospel, with Christ, in Christ and for Christ, is salvation.**

**The Gospel is the greatest source of joy for the world. Today, time when the Gospel is so despised and reviled, it is being replaced with the clinics of death. Christ is the joy to live all suffering.**

**A world without the Gospel is a very sad world. There is neither consolation and nor hope For it. The more the Gospel is banished from our land, the more the earth becomes a hell, a place of unspeakable suffering.**

**THE HELP OF THE MOTHER OF JESUS**

**Also on the relationship of the Mother of Jesus with the disciples of Jesus it is urgent to make a lot of clarity. The story of the wedding at Cana shows us that the joy will gladden the guests only if the servants obey what Jesus will tell them.**

**This rule of obedience is also true in the relationship with the Mother of Jesus. What does the Virgin Mary want from the disciples of her Son? That everyone obeys Jesus? How do we obey Jesus the Lord?**

**Obeying his Gospel. To obey his Gospel, the Gospel must be known. For the Gospel to be known, it must be announced, reminded, explained and taught. The announcement is a perennial obligation.**

**The Mother of Jesus can always intercede with Christ the Lord so that He gives the grace of conversion to every man. But this is not enough if the Church does not obey Christ and does not remind the Gospel.**

**First comes the remembrance and the announcement. It is a universal, timeless command. From this first obedience the second is born: that of living the Gospel. But there is also a third compulsory obedience. It must not be disregarded.**

**Teaching people who have believed the Gospel how to live the Gospel. The disciple who announces the Gospel is obliged to show the whole world how the Gospel is lived. The Virgin Mary is inserted here.**

**Her intercession, her help consists in this: in the intercession for the Gospel to be given to every creature. Intervening so that the Gospel is lived according to the heart of Jesus the Lord. Everything is in the Gospel.**

**Thinking that we can establish a relationship with Christ and with his Mother, outside, without and against the Gospel, is impossible as much as thinking of the formation of the universe without its Creator, Lord and Providence.**

**Unfortunately today people want to lived everything without any explicit reference to the Gospel, indeed against the Gospel itself. We want a Church without the Gospel. Grace without Gospel and ministers without Gospel.**

**We want heaven without the Gospel and for this reason hell has been declared empty against all the teachings of the Gospel. Life and death are wanted without the Gospel. Every relationship with God is wanted without the Gospel.**

**It is a right thing to know that the Virgin Mary works everything and everything is done so that the Gospel is given, taught, received and lived. From the Gospel and through the Gospel, from Christ and through Christ, she works all and she wants all.**

**But do not we want to turn to Her without the Gospel and against the Gospel? Do not we want her graces without any evangelical life? She can do nothing without the Gospel. She does everything from the Gospel and for the Gospel of Christ Jesus.**

**TO DO YOUR WILL**

**Every Christian is called to do not one, but different wills of the Lord. There is a will of God that is universal, it applies to everyone in every time and place. There are others that are specific, personal and individual.**

**The universal will of God that is valid for every man in every age is obedience to his Word, according to the truth contained in it. Nothing must be added and removed to the Word. It must be lived in its purity.**

**Then there is the obedience that comes from baptism. Christians must live as true children of God. Obedience to divine sonship in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, is obligatory. It never fails and lasts forever.**

**Obedience to the sacrament of Confirmation obliges the disciple of Jesus to be his witness with words and deeds, before every man. He must always recognize Christ as his one and only salvation.**

**Obedience to the diaconate requires that the disciples of Jesus be served according to their particular needs, however never in an arbitrary manner, but according to divine rules established by the Lord in his Word.**

**The presbyter must consecrate his life to the proclamation and teaching of the Word and to the gift of grace that comes from the sacraments, together with prayer for the conversion and sanctification of all.**

**The bishop must take care so that faithful, deacons and presbyters never introduce the thoughts of the earth into the Word of the Lord and the divine mysteries are believed and celebrated according to the truth and faith of the Church.**

**The Pope must graze with the purest truth of Christ Jesus the whole Church of God, indicating to every believer every error, falsehood, lie and non-truth that could at any time attack the Word of the Lord.**

**All then must obey the Holy Spirit, putting to good use the grace and ministry received from the sacraments, according to its particular gift or charisma, or even according to its particular manifested will.**

**This obedience to the Holy Spirit is admirably revealed by Paul both in the First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter XII, and in the Letter to the Romans, chapter XII and also in the Letter to the Ephesians chapter IV.**

**To obey according to purity of truth and doctrine, in fullness of faith and love, we must always dwell in the body of Christ, growing in his grace. The Spirit does not lead in sin and obedience dies.**

**To the disciple of Jesus the Lord nothing else is asked but to obey these manifold experiences. If one does not live like a true son of God, he will be a bad witness, a bad deacon, presbyter, bishop and pope.**

**If we do not live as true children of God, in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, it will be impossible to carry out any other ministry. Whoever lives as a son of Satan and not of God will do everything as a son of Satan, never as a son of God.**

**WILL NOT TO SIN ANYMORE**

**Both the Old Testament and the New contain a list of sins that exclude from the eternal kingdom of the Lord. Whoever commits them, who does not repent, who does not return to virtue, let him know that he cannot inherit paradise.**

**St. Paul several times reminds this list. We report only one, the one contained in the Letter to the Romans. There are others in the First Letter to the Corinthians, in the Letter to the Galatians and in the first Letter to Timothy.**

**This is why God has abandoned them to infamous passions; in fact, their females have changed the natural relationships in those against nature. Likewise also the males, leaving the natural relationship with the female...**

**They were kindled with desire for each other, committing ignominious acts males with males, thus receiving in themselves the retribution due to their misleading.**

**And since they did not think they had to know God adequately, God abandoned them to their depraved intelligence and they committed unworthy actions: they are filled with all injustice, with wickedness...**

**Of greed, of malice; full of envy, murder, litigation, fraud, malice; defamatory, slanderers, enemies of God, arrogant, proud, conceited, ingenious in evil, rebels to parents, foolish and disloyal...**

**Without heart, without mercy. And, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do they commit but approve those who practice them (Rom 1.26 to 32).**

**Here is what the will of God is for us: that everyone who believes in Christ, who was baptized in his name, to walk away from these works of the flesh, the fruit of idolatry that governs his heart.**

**No disciple of Jesus can do these things and no one can justify or approve them. Nobody can declare them the law of life and love. The sentence must be explicit with words and deeds.**

**Approving, justifying and legalizing these works contrary to the will of God makes us guilty before him for eternity. It is as if we were not only the ones to commit these misdeeds, but also the ones to invite to do them.**

**The Christian, being baptismal ministry, the prophet of the true God in this world, must never become a false prophet and approve for himself and for others the works of evil by declaring them work of good. Never.**

**All the moral confusion of our time is due to this non-explicit position or clear separation. In the name of mercy, of understanding, of charity everything is justified and everything is approved.**

**Of course, the judgment is not up to us, but only to the Lord. However, moral discernment is for us. God said to Cain: Instinct knocks on your door, but you dominate it. The domain of covetousness is always for everyone.**

**Chastity is for everyone, always. The exercise of sexuality outside of marriage is not according to God and also in marriage it should be lived according to the Laws of the Lord. Master of the human body is God.**

**But we live in a society without God, without Christ, without the Holy Spirit, without the Gospel, without Scripture, without Revelation and without objective principles of truth. Man is the lord of everything and even of sin.**

**Having the man placed his mind as principle of truth, falsehood, evil, good, what he wants to be good is good and what he wants to be evil is evil. The will, separated and detached from rationality, is a stone that overwhelms.**

**This is why the Holy Spirit is given: to be the wisdom of our rationality and the strength of our will, putting one in communion with the other. Without the Spirit of God no communion will be possible.**

**WHERE TO GO WITHOUT JESUS?**

**One separates from Jesus, where can he go? Without Jesus he is without the Father. He cannot go to the Father. Without Jesus he is without the Holy Spirit. He cannot go to the Spirit. He cannot even walk in the light.**

**Without Jesus, we do not even have the Mother of God with us. We cannot go to the Mother either. Can we possibly go to our brothers? We do not even have those, because without Jesus we are without true brothers.**

**Without Jesus where can we go then? Only in the arms of Satan to bring us into his hell tomorrow and let us today abide in his kingdom of darkness and falsehood, of lies, of deception and darkness.**

**Jesus is everything for us. If we leave Him, we do not go into nothingness, but into death, into evil and into darkness. We become with a bad and hardened heart. We follow paths of wickedness and evil. Without Jesus there is no light.**

**Our society has decided to go away from Jesus, indeed to keep Jesus away from its life = What is the result? We are building a kingdom of darkness, of death, of high inhumanity, of dark universality.**

**Then we complain if darkness produces darkness, evil generates evil and violence leads to war. These are lamentations of lies. Without Christ there are no real goods on earth. It becomes the kingdom of death.**

**REQUEST PRAYER**

**The prayer that must always rise from the heart of the disciple and reach the heart of Christ is a request that all may be animated, satisfied, supported, guided, comforted and consoled by the Lord Jesus.**

**No one might raise this prayer to Jesus if he does not live and does not manifest concretely in his day that he is animated, satiated, supported, guided, comforted, consoled and revived by Christ Jesus.**

**The Christian must not only pray so that Christ is everything for every other man, he must show that Christ is everything for him. Prayer, comforted and sustained by testimony, becomes effective and produces much fruit.**

**We cannot want Christ for others, if He is not all for us. It is in the non-being Christ all for us, the failure of the evangelizing mission. If Christ is a stranger to me, for me he might not be for others.**

**MOTHER AND SON TOGETHER**

**Christ and his Mother are one gift of the Father for our salvation. The Father has given us Christ. Christ Jesus has given us the Mother. The Mother must give us to Christ, so that Christ may give us to the Father, in the Holy Spirit.**

**If the Mother of God, Mother of Jesus, our Mother is missing in the life of the disciple, it is an evident sign that Christ is lacking. If we say we have Christ it is certainly not the true Christ. The true Christ is given to us by his Mother.**

**The true Christ gives us his Mother. We welcome his Mother and we let ourselves be given by her to the true Christ. Without Mary Christ does not give himself to us and we do not give ourselves to Him. The Mother is the way of Christ and our way.**

**For Mary, Christ gives himself to us. For Mary we do not give ourselves to Christ. Mary is taken away from our life, we are missing the true path. Certainly the Christ in whom we say we believe is not the true Christ and we are not true.**

**TRUTH OF THE SOUL OR WORD OF THE MOUTH**

**The announcement and remembrance of the Gospel must be for every disciple of Jesus the truth of his soul, the breath of his spirit, the purity of his heart, the sanctity of his body, the light of his thoughts and the firmness of his will.**

**If the announcement and the remembrance of the Gospel is only a word of mouth, it serves no purpose. It's just a word. It's like he wanted to feed a people with food drawn on a piece of paper. Reality, life and substance are missing.**

**The life, the substance, the reality of the Word for Christ is the life of Christ. Life, substance, reality and essence of the Word for the Christian must be his whole person and not a part of it. Without substance, the Word does not produce.**

**ALWAYS PERSEVERING**

**Evangelical perseverance is not walking, always remaining as it was when the path was begun. Persevering is walking from faith to faith, truth to truth, charity to love and light to light.**

**Persevering is in the end. The end is the full conformation to Christ in all his virtues. The conformation must come to the point of our crucifixion with Him. If this end is not achieved, there is no perseverance.**

**Persevering is not remaining with the body alone on the structure to which one belongs by vocation. Persevering is fulfilling the purpose that is proper to our religious structure. This truth is often missing.**

**FINAL PRAYER**

**Knowing that Jesus is the heart, the truth, the life, the light, the thought of everyone, priests and laity, and asking Him to become heart, truth, life, light and thought of every disciple, is very high faith, but also very high love.**

**Christ becomes heart, truth, light and thought of the disciple. For the disciple he becomes heart, truth, light and thought of every other man. The more the disciple becomes one with Christ, the more his mission will be effective.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**It is truth. Sin hinders every journey. With it in the heart, nothing can be done to build the kingdom of God on our earth. Who wants to work for the kingdom, must engage in a hard fight against sin in order to remove it from his body. Sin is death, darkness and the triumph of Satan in our life. It makes us workers of his kingdom. It makes us tools of his falsity. It prevents us from working as true disciples of Jesus.**

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**Mother of God, Angels, Saints, today the thought of man is led to consider evil good, injustice justice, falsehood truth, moral disorder order, vice virtue, disordered and unruly concupiscence true love. Come to our rescue and help. Ensure that the disciples of Jesus believe with true, convinced and strong faith, in the Word of the Gospel, as the one and only way of salvation and eternal life. You will intervene and the Christian world will be freed from this confusion generating all spiritual moral disorder.**