**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

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

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**Receiving a mission is receiving a specific task to be performed with a special gift of the Holy Spirit, so that the mission received is preserved in its truth, authenticity and will of the Lord God.**

**Whoever has received the mission of announcing the Word of the Lord has also received the command of forming himself in the Word that must be announced. There is no formation in the Word, the mission cannot be accomplished.**

**Who has received the mission of being a witness of the Lord, obediently to his Laws, humbly living obedience to the hierarchy of the Church, if he is not a witness of obedience he does not accomplish the mission.**

**But even if he does not place himself in humility before the hierarchy of the Church, he does not accomplish the mission. The mission is accomplished respecting every command received. Only one command is transgressed and the mission is not accomplished.**

**Who has received the mission to work in the Parishes and to fill the house of the Lord, if he omits these two orders, not even in this case the mission is completed. The objectivity of delivery is missing.**

**Who is called to live the mission of remembrance of the Word, loving, forgiving, excusing and doing everything full of charity, if these commandments are not lived, not even the mission is lived.**

**It is very easy to pass from an objective mission to a subjective mission. It suffices to change even one command received and the mission is no longer the one entrusted to us. It is another mission.**

**If the objective mission passes to a subjective one, the Lord withdraws from the missionary and no fruit of salvation is produced anymore. This rule applies for the mission that springs from every sacrament.**

**It is valid for association, movement and ecclesial group. The mission must always be respected. If it is of divine origin, the celestial will must be respected. If it is of ecclesial origin, the will of the Sender must be respected.**

**There is no mission from the personal heart, because the heart is already a missionary of Christ Jesus in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Never might a mission be from your heart. It is always obedience.**

**One's heart may be moved by the Holy Spirit for a particular mission in the Church, but even in this case, it is necessary that the Church confirms it in its truth as an ecclesial mission.**

**Even when a particular mission comes from the Holy Spirit, it is necessary for the Church to confirm it in truth and to declare it useful for the salvation of souls. A useless mission to souls is useless to the Church.**

**The mission must always remain in its objectivity, that is, in the will of heaven, if it comes from the Holy Spirit. In the will of the Church if it comes from the Church. Never might it be from our will.**

**FROM THE WILL OF GOD FROM THE WILL OF MAN**

**We speak in general of the ecclesial mission. It can be lived in two ways. We can live from the will of God, which is the will of Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit. And we can live from the will of man.**

**If we live by the will of God, the will of Christ Jesus and motion of the Holy Spirit, it has as its heart the Word of God, brought to fulfilment by Jesus the Lord, given to us by the Church according to her very pure faith.**

**The mission is lived by the will of God if no Word of God, of Jesus, in the truth of the Holy Spirit, is left out. If only one Word is left out by ignorance, the mission will be opaque.**

**Instead, if it is left out by personal choice, the mission is no longer a mission of true salvation. It is a mission at the convenience of man and for his personal ends and purposes. The mission must be faithfulness to the whole Word.**

**If a person has received from the Mother of God the mission of reminding the Word of her Son Jesus, it is the Word of Christ Jesus that must be reminded. But the Word of Christ is the Word of the Church. It cannot be the word of men.**

**The end of the announcement is only one: making every man a disciple by baptizing him in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching how to live the Word of Jesus, which is the Word of the Church.**

**Without the formation of the body of Christ, without generating new children to God, in his Son Jesus Christ, without aggregation to the people of God, there is no evangelizing mission. The ends established by Lord Jesus are missing.**

**But it suffices to take away only one active principle given by Jesus to the mission and it is no longer a mission that comes from the will of Christ the Lord, but from the will of man. This mission is useless. It does not give salvation.**

**Never will the Lord make his own a mission not his own. If the mission is not his, he will withdraw his Holy Spirit and the missionary will work only for himself. He might never work to make the Church of Jesus beautiful by giving her new children.**

**It is necessary that this truth is announced to every missionary. Only if the mission is from the will of Jesus fruits of eternal life will be produced. If it is from the will of man, our work is in vain.**

**OBEDIENCE IN PERSEVERANCE**

**When Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary entrust a mission to a person and it is a mission for the entire life, the mission must be carried out throughout life. Obedience is not for one day, but for every day, forever.**

**When we persevere in obedience, without ever failing, it is a sign that we truly believe in the mission entrusted to us. Perseverance falls, the mission falls, faith falls and love falls.**

**If the mission comes from Christ and his Mother, it can only be done in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must be revived without interruption with intense prayer but also with obedience up to martyrdom.**

**The more one obeys, the more one must pray. The more the Holy Spirit is invoked, the more one can obey. Obedience, Holy Spirit and prayer must be thought of as one. If we separate them, the mission fails.**

**The Holy Spirit is the invisible agent of the mission. Without him in the heart of the missionary no mission of salvation will be possible. The missionary brings the Spirit for prayer and obedience to the Word.**

**A missionary who does not live the Gospel might never attract to the Gospel. He is without the Holy Spirit in his heart. He might also say the Gospel, but not with the Spirit of the Gospel. Without the Spirit, the Word does not enter the hearts.**

**Gospel, missionary, Holy Spirit, prayer, obedience and perseverance to the end must be one. If only one of these realities is missing, the mission will not be true. Either someone or something will be missing.**

**It is up to the missionary to walk with the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, prayer and obedience to the Spirit of the Lord, persevering and never failing. Without prayer, one always gets tired and abandons.**

**But without the true Word of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit will always be lacking. A human and non-divine mission is carried out, of the earth and not of heaven, of men and not of Lord Jesus. The true Word makes the true mission.**

**Ezekiel and John the Apostle were asked: the former to eat the scroll of the Law, the latter a book. To be prophets of the living God, of Christ Jesus, we must eat the Word, the whole Word.**

**MISSIONARIES FOR TRAINING**

**Before sending his Apostles into the world, Jesus prepared them for three years, not only by telling the Word, but by showing how the Word is to be lived before every man. Training is necessary, mandatory.**

**Only those who are called directly by God and constituted his prophets, with an extraordinary charisma, speak without any formation. The Lord puts his Word on their mouth. They listen and report.**

**All others are obliged to training. They must know the true Word of God and of Christ Jesus, the true faith of the Church, true hope and true charity. No mission can be performed from ignorance.**

**Whoever is sent to remind the Word of Jesus cannot say words of man, according to the heart, hearts of men. He must say the true Word of Jesus, he must bring to the true Jesus, to the true Church and true life.**

**Today the disciples of Jesus have abandoned the Word of the Gospel and they make their words resonate in its place. Never might one soul be converted to the true Christ. We give idols and we can bring to new idols.**

**The missionary of Jesus must be in contrast with the world, not because he fights against the world. Jesus did not fight against the world. To the world he has announced the whole Word of salvation, living it all.**

**The Christian must make the difference with his life and his word between the true God and the false gods, between the true Christ and the false Christs, between the true Word of God and the words of falsehood and lies of men. The difference obliges.**

**MISSIONARIES FOR LOVE**

**The strength of the mission is love. Jesus loves the Father so much that he lets himself be nailed to the cross for his great love. He was crucified because he revealed the truth of his Father in which his truth was.**

**It is love for Jesus that makes his missionary overcome every difficulty, every cross and every obstacle placed on his path. Love for the Mother of God also helps and sustains. If one falls from love, he falls from the mission.**

**The will alone is not enough. Not even prayer without love is enough. The missionary must always ask the Holy Spirit that makes him grow in love, rather that he pours all the love of God into his heart.**

**The more we grow in love, the more zeal for the mission of salvation grows. We want every heart to be of Christ Jesus, rather that every heart is made a missionary of Christ the Lord. Basically this is the purpose of the mission.**

**The mission succeeds when for our love, transformed into great zeal, other hearts, indeed all hearts, consign themselves to Jesus and dedicate themselves to the mission of salvation. If this does not happen, love is really little.**

**Great love always attracts to Christ Jesus. It is the potent power of the Holy Spirit. The missionary of Jesus must not only show the power of his faith, he must also show the beauty of his love.**

**The missionary of Jesus is not an official, an employee and a bureaucrat, nor is he a mercenary, a person hired for the mission. He is one who manifests all the love of Christ given to him to love his brothers.**

**Only in this way can the mission that is of redemption, conversion, purification, incorporation into Christ and aggregation to his Church can be brought to fructification. The missionary is the bearer of the world of the charity of Christ.**

**MISSIONARIES FOR SUFFERING**

**Suffering is the fruit of the fulfilment of the true mission of salvation. It can be affirmed that suffering is the seal to the truth of the mission. Christ Jesus sealed his mission with the seal of the cross.**

**Even the Christian is called to seal his mission with the seal of suffering. Suffering is a seal when the mission is carried out according to the rules given by Jesus the Lord, in full obedience to them.**

**Why suffering? Because the world does not want to be disturbed in its worldliness. It is under the rule of darkness. The true missionary attests that he is under the rule of light. Darkness hates light.**

**Always darkness will hate light. They will always raise crosses, always for the spirit and often also for the body for those who are light and announce the word of light. No cross for the darkness missionaries.**

**When the Christian lacks the seal of suffering, of the cross, it is a sign that he is darkness and says a word that leaves in darkness. He is not light and even his word is not the Word of light, of truth and of justice.**

**Jesus warned his apostles. They will be persecuted by the world. But when will they be persecuted? When they will live his Word in its purity and they will announce it in its purity to every man.**

**The announcement is true and consequently the mission is also true, when the clear, explicit, formal invitation to conversion and faith in the Word heard is addressed to the men to whom the Word is announced.**

**There is no true mission and not even a true proclamation of the Gospel, if an explicit invitation to conversion and faith in the Gospel is not made. Proclamation, preaching, invitation, conversion and faith must be one.**

**MISSIONARIES FOR THE GIFT OF LIGHT**

**If the Christian, constituted by Jesus the light of the world, the light of Jesus in the body of Jesus, does not show the light, because he does not keep it growing from light to light, Christ Jesus remains in darkness and the Father is in darkness.**

**The responsibility of the Christian is great. For him the world is illuminated with the light of Jesus, light of the Father, in the Holy Spirit and for him it remains in darkness, but also Jesus and the Father remain in darkness.**

**The Christian is not the light of a part of the world, of a region, of a country, of a city and of a limited place. He is the light of the world. He is light like the sun. Christ is the sun of life, the Christian in him is the sun of life.**

**If the Christian grows from light to light, he becomes so great a sun as to illuminate the whole earth with the eternal light that comes from his Lord, Redeemer, Saviour and God. The sun illuminates, warms and gives life.**

**The sun frees from darkness. It separates the night from the day. With his light the Christian can separate good and evil, justice and injustice, the truth of God and the falsity of idols. If he does not separate, nobody might separate. He is the light.**

**MISSIONARIES FOR CELESTIAL HELP**

**Can the Christian alone experience this nature of light? No. Never. First of all because many will want to turn off his light. The modalities are many, as many as men are. Everyone knows his ways to turn the light off.**

**The Lord has not only constituted the Christian light, he has also given him every help so that the light does not turn off, even so that it grows more and more. This help is his grace, his Holy Spirit and his Mother.**

**He also gave him all the angels of heaven to support him in this work of growing from light to light. The Guardian Angel is a powerful help against every snare of Satan and of men. This aid must be sought.**

**If the Christian omits the sacraments and prayer, he becomes darkness. If he detaches himself from obedience to the Spirit he becomes darkness. If he separates himself from his guardian angel and the Heavenly mother, he becomes darkness.**

**MISSIONARIES WITH THE FATHER'S MISSIONARY**

**Jesus did not send his disciples into the world, leaving them or abandoning them to themselves. God did not send Moses to Egypt alone. I will be with you. So Jesus: I will be with you until the end of the world.**

**This is the certainty that a missionary of Jesus must have: the Lord is with him. He is not alone. We need eyes to see Jesus with us, that works for us, that paves the way for us and that governs our mission.**

**When will we see Jesus next to us? When we will become pure at heart, meek and humble like Him. When we always invoke him to come with us and we carry with us the staff of his Holy Spirit.**

**PRAYER MISSIONARIES**

**Like Moses behaved always listening to the voice of his Lord, who told him what to do and how to do it, so must the Christian be. With prayer without interruption, he must ask Jesus what to do and how to do it.**

**Jesus always intervenes with his Holy Spirit and suggests by motion, inspiration, or other ways that only He knows, the historical modalities so that only his will is accomplished. Everything is from prayer.**

**A Christian who breaks the relationship with Jesus the Lord will be a missionary of himself, never might he be a missionary of his Lord. In the true mission the Christian is an instrumental agent, the Principal agent is the Lord.**

**But this still is not enough. We must wear the sandals of his Gospel and the tunic of his grace and truth. Furthermore, we must always take Mary as our true Mother with us. We'll make it with them.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**It is an eternal truth. The will that governs heaven and earth is that of our heavenly Father. We pray thus: "Our Father who art in heaven, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Jesus, the only Son of the Father, confesses to the Apostles: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to do his works". While he states to the Jews: "I came down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me." Jesus fulfils the will of the Father in the Holy Spirit. In the Spirit of God he knows the will of the Father and in the Spirit of God he fulfils the will of God.**

**Do we accomplish our mission by the will of God, by fulfilling the will of God, or do we fulfil our will by the will of man, our own or that of others? Are we from God or from ourselves? Do we obey God or do we follow our instincts and our ambitions that can never be said to be an evangelizing mission? It is right for everyone to give himself an answer and does not give it to others, but to himself. The missionary is responsible eternally in front of his God, if in a little or a lot he changes the deliveries entrusted to him. If Jonah is to preach to Nineveh, he cannot preach in other places.**

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**When the mission is changed, it is another religion that is built. But if another religion is built, it is another humanity that arises on earth. True mission, true humanity. Christian mission, Christian humanity. Christic mission, Christic humanity. Mission without God, humanity without God. It is right that every disciple of Jesus knows: he must know that the humanity that he builds is Christianly true or false by his fidelity or not his fidelity to the mission entrusted, delivered to him, placed in his hands. Jesus has been very faithful to his Father and for him true humanity has arisen on our earth.**

**Mother of God, Mother of the Redemption, Angels and Saints, ask Christ Jesus to send upon us the Holy Spirit with all his power of light and truth, fortitude and knowledge, intelligence and fear of the Lord so that our mission may be from the Will of the father.**