**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

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

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**WHAT JESUS ​​WANTS**

**What does Jesus want? That his will be done. His will is in his Word. His Word is in Scripture, in his Gospel. His Gospel is in the truth of the Holy Spirit. Christ Jesus and the Spirit are one Word.**

**But they are also one truth. Never might there be any difference or dissimilarity between the Word of Jesus and the truth of the Holy Spirit. But neither might there be difference or dissimilarity between the will of Jesus and his Word.**

**Nor might there be any difference or dissimilarity between the Word of Jesus and his Gospel. What differs or is dissimilar from the Gospel and from Scripture is not the truth of the Holy Spirit and it is not the Word of Lord Jesus.**

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**It is the word of man and not the Word of Christ Jesus. If it is man's word, the Holy Spirit does not bring it into hearts and it does not redeem and does not save. Nor could it do that, because only the Word of Jesus saves and redeems.**

**It is right to ask: Why did the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus, say that the world has forgotten the Word of her Son Jesus? Have we not our mouths filled of "Word of God, Word of God, Word of God" all day long?**

**Why is not ours the Word of God? Because it is the word of God imagined, thought and desired by us. The Word lacks the intrinsic bond with Scripture, the Gospel, the truth of the Spirit and the faith of the Church.**

**The Word of Jesus is of Jesus when it conforms to the Gospel, to Scripture, to the truth of the Holy Spirit, to the faith of the Church and to sound doctrine. If one of these realities is missing, we no longer have the Word of God.**

**Whoever wants to give the Word of God to the world must immerse himself in the Gospel, in Scripture, be placed in listening to the Holy Spirit, know the faith of the Church and live in the sound doctrine. They are essential conditions.**

**Since today we all walk with our thoughts, passing them off as the Word of Christ Jesus, the world has entered into a hunger and thirst for the Word so great, that it has become difficult to be able to feed and quench it.**

**Another difficulty that prevents from feeding and quenching the thirst of the world with the Word of Jesus is when we fall or fail the mission we took up. Being the taking up personal, it obliges everyone individually.**

**Even if all the others were to fail, fall and retreat from the mission assumed, the single person is obliged to continue, to move forward and not to stop living the mission assumed personally.**

**Unfortunately it happens that the strength of those who retreat is stronger than the strength of those who persevere and little by little the strength of those who retreat corrodes the strength of those who persevere and makes them retreat.**

**The rule of mission is only one: when a person assumes a mission before God, heaven and earth can fall, hell can invade the earth, the person must persevere in the mission assumed.**

**DO NOT SUFFOCATE GIFTS CHARISMAS TALENTS**

**The charisma is a particular gift of the Holy Spirit given to each member of the body of Christ, so that the mission of Christ, which is of salvation, redemption and eternal life, can be accomplished according to truth.**

**No one is allowed to stifle the charisma of others. Instead, everyone is obliged to nourish the charisma of others with his particular charisma and his particular charisma with the charisma of every other.**

**The charisma is the life of the charisma. If one suffocates the charisma of the brothers, it is his charisma that he suffocates. If he suffocates his charisma, every other charisma is suffocated. Every charisma is always the nourishment of the other.**

**The priestly charisma is necessary to the lay charisma. If the priestly charisma is suffocated, the lay charisma suffers. But even when the lay charisma is suffocated, the priestly charisma suffers.**

**THE DEFENCE OF THE TRUTH**

**It is the duty of the disciple of Jesus to defend the truth. How is it defended? With words and works. The first defence of truth is our life in truth, in the Word, in the Gospel and in the faith of the Church.**

**The truth is defended by making every effort not to fall into temptation. With temptation you are in falsehood. You fall from the truth. You enter the lie. There is no defence of the truth anymore. We belong to falsehood.**

**The defence of truth takes place with the Word. To defend the truth it is sufficient to say: What he is saying and thinking is not according to the Gospel. It is not according to Scripture. It is not according to our faith.**

**This defence with the Word will never be possible if we ourselves live in falsehood. When one is in falsehood, one thinks according to falsehood. Whoever thinks according to falsehood might never say: what you think is not according to the Gospel.**

**He can say these words - what you think is not according to the Gospel - only who lives in the Gospel, in Scripture, in the faith of the Church and in sound doctrine. Only those who grow in grace and wisdom day after day.**

**THE WORD IS MENDED**

**How is the word mended? Always finding a justification for not living it, not obeying it and not putting it into practice. One also mends it when he justified his conduct not in conformity with the Gospel.**

**It is mended when it is added to and removed from it. Nothing is taken away from the Word of Jesus and nothing is added. Thus it is written. Thus it must remain written forever. There are many ways to mend.**

**It is mended when it is read from one's heart, it is interpreted from one's heart and not from the truth of the Holy Spirit and from the faith and sound doctrine of the Church. It is mended when it is partially taken.**

**Everyone must put every wisdom, intelligence and knowledge of the Holy Spirit so that the Word always comes whole and pure from his mouth. This will happen if we grow in grace and in communion with the Spirit.**

**DO NOT BURY TALENTS**

**The talent is buried when we do not use it for the building of the kingdom of God, of the body of Christ and of the Church. Since building up the body of Christ is an essential mission, we are responsible for it forever.**

**Everyone must put every care to bring his talent to the summit of the beauty of grace and truth. No one must let his charisma die, is suffocated and remains in the state of seed in his heart. Growth is urgent.**

**A single buried talent causes great damage to the body of Christ. Whoever loves the body of Christ gives development to his talent. Who does not love the body of Christ, lets his talent die in his heart.**

**Do we love the body of Christ? Are we consumed for it? How much do individualism and selfishness harm in us and for us the supernatural, transcendent and divine vision of the Church, to whom we must sacrifice our lives?**

**If we truly loved the body of Christ, if we saw the Church and we in her in fullness of truth, if we believed that life must be lived in the Church, with her and through her, we would put every commitment into growth.**

**KNOWING JESUS ​​IN FRONT OF MEN**

**There are some truths in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ that have been removed from the mind and from the heart. We no longer even know that they exist. It is the disciple's obligation to recognize Jesus before men.**

**If Jesus is not known, confessed, celebrated, praised and blessed by him with full obedience to his Word, to his Gospel and to the truth of the Holy Spirit, he will not even recognize us before the Father.**

**This is the essential condition to enter the kingdom of heaven tomorrow. Those who are assertive of the one God, without Christ and without the Holy Spirit, certainly will never be known by Christ Jesus. They will be disowned.**

**Another truth removed from the heart and mind is the sin against the Holy Spirit. Everyone must pay great attention not to fall into it. Whoever falls into this sin is already damned while still on earth.**

**The Church declares sins against the Holy Spirit: challenging the known truth, envy of others' grace, final impenitence, despair of health, presumption of being saved without merit and obstinacy in sins.**

**These two truths are essential truths in the Gospel of Christ the Lord. They concern our eternal life. They cannot be removed from the mind and the heart. It is urgent that we believe and live in their truth.**

**VOCATION TO ORDAINED PRIESTHOOD**

**The ordained priest - presbyter and bishop - is the sacramental source through which the grace and truth of Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, descend upon our earth and enter into every heart and every mind.**

**Can a city live without a water channel so that its inhabitants can quench their thirst? Never. Can the city of the Church live without its supernatural channel from which the grace and truth of Christ spring?**

**As the inhabitants of the city do everything to create a water channel, so the city of the Church - first the presbyters themselves and then the whole laity - must be committed with all their strength to create this supernatural channel.**

**God will always create this channel. However, he wants the city, which is his Church, to make every effort, to spend every energy to arouse and train men who will be consecrated in the Spirit for the ministry tomorrow.**

**God always blesses our work done with faith and great love. If we put all our energy into both material and spiritual, all our faith and charity, the Lord will give his blessing for vocations.**

**READING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Why must we read the Word of the Lord? Because it is the vehicle through which the Holy Spirit enters a heart and illuminates it with his powerful eternal and divine light, light of truth, justice and holiness.**

**How must the Word of God or the gospel be read? Without preconceptions, prejudices and tendentiousness, with only one desire in the heart: that it enters us as it is and to speak according to what the Holy Spirit wants to tell us.**

**With the will to convert to every truth that the spirit writes in the heart. The same freedom of water when it falls onto the earth must be left to the Word. It does not obey man, but itself.**

**Thus it must be of the Holy Spirit. If he enters with the Word in the heart, he cannot be forced or directed by us. He must be free. Without either dams or channelling, either dams or other human impediments.**

**Who wants the Holy Spirit to make the heart and mind fruitful, must give all freedom to the Word. We put it daily in the heart and in the mind. Then the work belongs only to the Holy Spirit. He is full Freedom.**

**Instead, if we build impediments of sin, even venial, the Spirit cannot act with great freedom and is forced by us to silence and to stillness. Every sin creates muteness in the Holy Spirit.**

**The Word of the Gospel, of Scripture, must be read in the state of grace, in a prayerful attitude. We read a sentence and ask the Spirit to write it in the heart. We also ask to release all its truth from it.**

**Without the state of grace and without uninterrupted prayer, the Spirit cannot work. We read, but we do not understand. Rather, we don't even read the Word anymore. Without constant contact with it, we think from the flesh.**

**If we think from the flesh, our dialogues are from the flesh, our answers are from the flesh and our thoughts come from the flesh. It is useless to speak from the flesh, the kingdom of God is not built in the hearts.**

**IN THE LOVE OF JESUS ​​AND OUR MOTHER**

**What does it mean to love Jesus and our heavenly Mother? Loving is being consecrated to Christ and to the virgin Mary. We consecrate ourselves for a single purpose: to do their will, to listen to their voice and to obey their command.**

**How is the will of Christ Jesus fulfilled? Obeying every Word of his Gospel and every Law of his Father, according to the truth of the Holy Spirit. One cannot love without obeying, nor loving without the Word.**

**Who wants to love Jesus must live according to His Gospel. Who wants to love the Virgin Mary must listen to her heart that asks to do all that Jesus commands us. Mary wants us to obey her Son.**

**When we obey his Son, it is then that the miracle of conversion takes place in our hearts. We obey, Jesus gives us his grace, the Holy Spirit his light and his strength and the heart gets converted.**

**Everything is from our obedience. If we obey we renew ourselves in the soul, in the spirit, in the body and we become instruments of salvation for the brothers. If we do not obey, we are stones and pebbles in the spirit. We do not give salvation.**

**No one can lead one heart to love Jesus and the Virgin Mary, if he does not love Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Love generates love, obedience obedience and conversion produces fruits of conversion.**

**HOLY VOCATION**

**What is our holy vocation? Carrying out the mission of the announcement and remembrance of the Word according to the rules of the mission and that is making the Word of the Gospel the garment of our soul and our spirit.**

**This garment must be renewed every day, so that it may become ever brighter, so as to attract every heart to Christ, known through the purity of his Gospel, in the full truth of the Spirit.**

**If the Gospel does not become the garment of our soul and our spirit, never might the truth of the Holy Spirit enlighten us. Our mission, from a divine mission, becomes a human mission. It does not produce salvation.**

**THANKING AND PRAYING**

**Who must we thank and for what reason? We thank the Father because he envelops us with his love. Christ Jesus because he fills us with his grace. The Holy Spirit because he enlightens us with his always full truth.**

**We thank the Mother of Jesus because she is our diligent Mother who always cares about our salvation, our redemption and our eternal life. The Angels because they are our guardians. The Saints because they are our models.**

**We must thank every person that the Lord places on our lives to show us the richness of his grace and the beauty of his truth. We pray for the whole world so that it may return to God his Creator and Lord.**

**We must pray the Lord because every gift comes down from his throne. Since we are in need of all, of everything, for everything and all He must be invoked and prayed. Having obtained the gift, he must be blessed and thanked forever more.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**It is more than just, indeed more than urgent, that everyone asks himself: What does Jesus want from each of his disciples? What is his wish? What obedience does he ask him? What his heart craves. From the knowledge of the heart of Christ the Lord, life receives the true finality. The purpose of our life is not from us, but from the Lord our God and Father. Only Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, can communicate it to us. Only to Him must we must ask it. He communicates it to us and, if we are of good will, we set ourselves to its realization.**

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**Mother of God, Virgin entirely consecrated to obedience according to the truth placed in you by the Holy Spirit, come to our help and teach us to imitate you in your love, in your faith and in your hope. Angels and Saints of God, come to our rescue. Free us from all disobedience and make of our life a perennial obedience to Christ Jesus, according to**