

Session II: Loving the Faith

Key Questions from Yesterday:

Where do you see Yourself on these spiritual journeys?

How am I being deliberate & intentional in my own growth?

Where can I grow in greater “marriage depth” in my relationship with the Lord? Free, total, faithful, fruitful?

LOVING is about “Transforming”

- The Four Reasons (*CCC 457-460; 2 Pet 1:4*)
 - To reconcile us with God
 - To show us God's love
 - To be a model of holiness for us
 - To make us partakers in the divine nature
- To Heal, Perfect, and Elevate . . .
 - St Thomas Aquinas

The Woman of Samaria

- “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria.”
- “Are you greater than our father Jacob?”
- “Sir, give me this water . . .”
- “I perceive that you are a prophet . . .”
- “I know that Messiah is coming . . .”
- “Come see a man who told me everything I ever did!”

If I were to draw a timeline . . .



- What are the significant “timeline events” over the course of your life? How have those been “colored” by grace?

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” – John 4:16-18

Questions to ponder and pray with:

What is your “Go call your husband” question?

How is God wanting to meet you there? LOVE you there?

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“On this way of perfection, the Spirit and the Bride call whoever hears to perfect communion with God:

There will true glory be, where no one will be praised by mistake or flattery; true honor will not be refused to the worthy, nor granted to the unworthy; likewise, no one unworthy will pretend to be worthy, where only those who are worthy will be admitted. There true peace will reign, where no one will experience opposition either from self or others. God himself will be virtue's reward; he gives virtue and has promised to give himself as the best and greatest reward that could exist. . . . ‘I shall be their God and they will be my people. . . .’ This is also the meaning of the Apostle's words: ‘So that God may be all in all.’ God himself will be the goal of our desires; we shall contemplate him without end, love him without surfeit, praise him without weariness. This gift, this state, this act, like eternal life itself, will assuredly be common to all.”