

TUESDAY READINGS EVENING TALK (Talk 5)

1. REFERENCES GIVEN IN THE TALK

Ravensbruck Prayer

“O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. Do not only remember the suffering they have inflicted upon us, but remember the gifts that we gained through our sufferings, - comradeship, loyalty, courage, generosity, and the greatness of heart that has grown out of all this.

*When they come to be judged, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness. **Amen.**”*

When Christ invites his disciples to live solely from trust in the father, he tells them” *So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.* We are always like the disciples who take flight into the imagination; then Christ pulls them back from their daydreaming and brings them back to reality.

St Therese of Lisieux

“This is very demanding and is extended especially to the spiritual domain. We feel like storing up provisions, we do not like being independent “What shall I do in such and such a trial, before such and such a case?” Worrying about the future is as sin against poverty. We must not store up provisions. That God gives us the grace of the moment for the trial of the moment is enough. If we consider at noon the trial of two o’clock in the afternoon, we shall have a clear view of the difficulty, but we shall see it without the grace given at two o’clock, which cannot be imagined.”

The imaginary trial is always unbearable! It lacks the grace of the moment

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“It is the attractive beauty and power of God’s love, which reveals the inadequacy and sinfulness of our condition and unloosens in our hearts the desire to be much more than what we now may be.

It is in this way that the wonder of God’s love reveals our sinfulness. And this profound truth, so capable of being misunderstood, is always the bedrock of the mature spiritual; life.”

2 Cor. 12

“Gladly will I glory in my infirmities for when I am weak then I am strong”

St Vincent de Paul

“The throne of God’s goodness and loving kindness is set upon the foundation of our wretchedness”

St Therese of Lisieux

“I must tell you what would do most to give me confidence, If I were going to render an account of myself to God as they tell me you are: it would be precisely the number and magnitude of my sins. How happy I am to feel myself imperfect and to have such need of God’s mercy. It is wonderful to feel oneself weak, and small. I am glad always to find myself imperfect; indeed, there lies my greatest joy...”

2. LECTIO DIVINA: FROM KNOWING JESUS TO KNOWING GOD

Jn 14:8-13 To have seen me is to have seen Abba

Other Texts:

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| Ex 33:7-11 | The Holy One would speak to Moses face to face as one speaks with a friend. |
| Jn 1:16-18 | Indeed, from God's fullness we have all received - yes, grace in return for grace... |
| Jn 6:46-51 | The Son only has seen Abba. |
| Col 1:15-20 | He is the image of the unseen God. |
| 2 Cor 4:1-6 | It is the same God who has shone in our minds to radiate the glory on the face of Christ |
| Ps 147 | Hymn to the Almighty |

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