

## WEDNESDAY READING

### MORNING TALK (Talk 6)

#### 1. REFERENCES GIVEN IN TALK

Hosea 2:14

Therefore, I will now I will allure her,  
and bring her into the wilderness,  
and speak tenderly to her.

<sup>15</sup>From there I will give her, her vineyards,  
and make the Valley ... a door of hope.  
There she shall respond as in the days of her youth,  
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

**The story of Elijah: 1 Kings 19**

I want to die (it's all too much!)

"...he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep."

The messenger of the Lord

The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there

Elijah's Cry of Despair

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

God is in the silence

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

"It is precisely at this moment when God takes us to the desert. To renew the friendship, we once had, we find our true heart, for "where our heart is there our treasure will be" (Matthew 6:21)

## 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

“But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one <sup>al</sup> might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in <sup>bl</sup> the Lord.”

**In the desert we enter into the mystery that God can make something out of nothing!**

## 2. LECTIO DIVINA: FROM DRIFTING TO SEARCHING

**Jn 14:14-21** Whatever you ask for in my name I will do it... If you love me you will keep my commandments.

Other Texts:

Mt 7:7-11      Ask, and it will be given to you.

Lk 11:1-13      Search and you will find.

Acts 3:16-26    It is through faith in Jesus that the miracles of the early church were accomplished and stood out.

Deut 6:4-9      Listen Israel, you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart.

1Jn 2:3-6      We can be sure that we are in God, when we live the same life Jesus lived...

Ps 16            O God, my heritage.

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