

**FRIDAY READING**  
**AFTERNOON TALK (Talk 11)**

**1. REFERENCES GIVEN IN TALK**

**Livy 58 BC**

*“Here are the questions to which I should like every reader to give his close attention: what life and morals were like; through what men and what policies, in peace and in war, empire was established and enlarged. Then let him note how, with the gradual relaxation of discipline, morals first subsided, as it were, then sank lower and lower, and finally began the downward plunge which has brought us to our present time, when we can endure neither our vices nor their cure.”*

**Saint Theresa of Calcutta reflects.**

*“The greatest disease in the West today is not physical; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty ~ it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.”*

**St Augustine**

*“You called, shouted, broke through my deafness, you flared, blazed, banished my blindness you lavished your fragrance, I gasped; and now I long for you, I tasted you and now I hunger and thirst, you touched me and I burn for your peace.” St*

*“You have made us for yourself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you!*

When the desire of our heart, discovers the love of our lives; joy becomes a reality not an idea, it is given to us so we may live our ordinary lives in the most extraordinary way.

## 2. LECTIO DIVINA: FROM FEARFUL CONFUSION AND UNKNOWING TO TRUSTING THE SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE

**Jn 16:5-15**.... when the Spirit of truth comes you will be brought to the complete truth .... the Spirit will glorify me.

Other texts:

Jn 1:29-34 I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

Jn 8:21-24 If you do not believe that I am the Holy One, you will die in your sins.

1Tim 3:14-16 God was made visible in the flesh, attested by the Spirit.

Jn 12:20-36 While you still have the light, believe in the light, and you will become children of the light.

Acts 2:1-13 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:14-36 In those days, I will pour out my spirit .... what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

Ez 36:16-38 I shall put a new spirit in you .... I shall put my spirit in you ... you shall be my people and I will be your God.

Rom 8:1-30 In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to him.

1Cor 2:1-16 For the Spirit reaches the depths of everything.

Ps 89 Hymn and prayer celebrating God's

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