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from **Skynia Magazine****

July 11-17
The Julian calendar

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Stages of meditation

Please find below some schematic prompts for each stage of the meditation on the Word of God. [Read more.](#)

1. Reading

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- What does it tell by itself?
- Clear up the context
- Look up the comments
- Find the key-phrase

2. Meditation

- What is my here and now?
- What does the Word tell me?
- Use your imagination
- "Digest" the text
- The Word and my life

3. Prayer

- What will I say in response?
- Recognition and request
- Gratitude and glorifying
- Prayer in the Word
- My participation in the Divine Liturgy

4. Contemplation

- A call to conversion
- Now I am silent
- Staying in the presence of God
- Now He is guiding me

Biblical readings and meditations

July 11

Sunday 3

Romans 5: 1-10

Matthew 6: 22-33

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Romans 5: 1-10

Brethren, therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to

God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Matthew 6: 22-33

And the Lord said: “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first

for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Meditation

Today’s Gospel excerpt tells us about the eye as the lamp of the body. The eye reflects the light living in the heart. And if the heart is darkened, the eye will show that. Since the eye keeps watching the reality around, but sees it the way the heart interprets it. Then the eye will not see clearly.

The eye is not just one of the five senses that allow the reality to enter an individual. It also constitutes a body (both physical and spiritual) from which light or darkness living inside come. The light and shadow projected on everything around. If peace resides in a person, (s)he will manage to see some occasions for making the deeds of peace around. If war lives in a person, (s)he will not see anything but for the war.

Those guided by the good will manage to drag the hidden good out of one’s neighbour – in spite of the solid shall one may face at the beginning. And vice versa, those full of bitterness and anger will treat everyone as an enemy.

We are responsible for what we spread: light or darkness. And we emit what our hearts are full of. It does not happen any other way. Even if we console ourselves with the illusion that it is enough to put on a false smile in order to improve the situation.

Jesus has said: *I am the light of the world!* That is what we have to fill ourselves with, as well as with all those things that show Him to us.

When we go to the beach, we have to get rid of heavy clothes, a whole heap of stuff looking attractively, but, in fact, deceitfully. We have to get rid of the things that would impede our movement, to expose our skin to the sun shining for us. The son God orders to shine for every human, righteous or non-righteous, for the light in the heart to win over the darkness. Then we will see the world with different eyes, in the different light. Let us ask God for the mercy of being able to safeguard our hearts and to see our darkness to expose it to God's light. Wash my eyes with your Word and your grace for your light to enter me via them.

July 12

Monday

**The Holy, Glorious,
All-Praiseworthy and Chief
Apostles Peter and Paul**

2 Corinthians 11:21 - 12:9

Matthew 16: 13-19

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2 Corinthians 11:21 - 12:9

Brethren, to my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and

thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. 28 And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more

gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Matthew 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Meditation

The liturgy of today’s feast invites us to celebrate several aspects at the same time: the faith of Peter; his belief in the divinity of Christ; the task entrusted by the Lord to be the helmsman of the boat of the Church, and the running of this mandate in the activity of his successors. Thus, it is a feast that embraces the whole Church: the Head, that is, Christ Himself; the one who represents the Head on earth, that is, the Pope, and today it is Pope Francis; and all the members of the Church of Christ. The keys of the kingdom entrusted to Peter became the all-encompassing Sacrament of Salvation for the whole human race. Christ is the Head. And the

faith and testimony of the first among the apostles, his triple confession of love, give Christ the opportunity to proclaim His divine will for this choice, this mission and this responsibility which He has given to Peter. *“But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.* In this way a simple fisherman from Galilee became, by the will of God, the chief of the apostles. Thus, in connection with this mandate, the steadfastness of the Church established on the rock, that is Christ, and on Peter, who strengthened himself in his faith, was proclaimed. The Lord even wanted to give us a guarantee of the victory over *the gates of Hades*, over evil, and over the enemies of the Church. From this chair, where the Vicar of Christ sits, we expect words of true doctrine and right guidance. That is why today we especially want to pray for Pope Francis that the Lord will always guide him in this delicate ministry. And that all may see in him a shepherd and take advantage of his guidance on the ways of truth that lead to Christ.

July 13

Tuesday

**The Synaxis of the Holy,
Glorious and
All-Praiseworthy Twelve
Apostles**

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

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Mark 3: 13-19

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Brethren, for I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ

Jesus I became your father through the gospel. I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Mark 3: 13-19

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Meditation

Jesus goes up the mountain. For Mark it is a place of union with the Father and prayer in solitude. Then He descends and chooses twelve apostles to be with Him. Among them there are Judas, who will betray Him, Peter, who will renounce Him out of fear, Thomas, who will doubt His resurrection ... But Christ chooses these twelve persons, each of them stranger than the other one, weak like we are, and establishes the first Church. Probably He could have done it in a better way. He could have turned His apostles into role models full of virtues. But Jesus did not come to change the nature of people by adding them abilities. He wants us to understand that He loves us the way we are, with all our strengths and weaknesses. That by following Him we can learn to be better. Jesus spends the

night in prayer, then descends and chooses the twelve. The goal is clear: to be with Him, that is, to gain the experience of being with Him in order to preach the Gospel and fight the evil. In this we can find everything. Such is the Church. It is a community of those who are with Christ, proclaiming the Gospel and fighting the evil.

Do not ask or expect anything else from the Church. Such is the Church: a people gathered by the Word and heading towards the fullness of the kingdom. The Church is not a people of the perfect, but only of the reconciled. The Lord is still calling today, but how many people are following Him? How many are able to hear His voice, His word, and dedicate themselves to Him in trust? How many are not afraid of condemnation or slander? Not so many years ago, people cared about others seeing them as decent Christians, practicing Christians, because they were considered good people. Today it seems that we should be ashamed of our faith and that Christ is no longer in vogue. Today you must fight to be a Christian. It is necessary to resist the dominant culture and mentality, which promote the faith in success, that is, the accumulation of goods and entertainment. Have we become deaf to the calling of Christ?

July 14

Wednesday

Romans 11: 2-12

Matthew 11: 20-26

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Romans 11: 2-12

Brethren, God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” But what is the divine reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, “God gave them a sluggish spirit, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”

And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and keep their backs forever bent.”

So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Matthew 11: 20-26

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Meditation

Today in the Word of God Jesus reproaches the cities where He preached and performed a lot of wonders. *Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!* He also reproaches Capernaum, the city

where He Himself settled after baptism, and prophesies its tragic destiny: *You will be brought down to Hades!* Instead, He assures that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon, and even for Sodom than for it.

The residents of Tyre and Sidon were considered by the people of Israel to be their enemies and the enemies of their faith. Old Testament prophets prophesied that those cities would become a ruin. However, Jesus did not ignore those cities and their residents. He came to the *district of Tyre and Sidon* many a time. And the residents of Tyre and Sidon came to Jesus for help. It is there that Jesus healed the Canaanite woman's daughter.

Sodom is known for its numerous sins. *Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD* (Gen 13:13). In that city not even ten righteous persons could be found, for whose sake God promised Abram not to destroy him.

Why does then the Lord tell that the situation will be more tolerable for those cities on the day of judgment? What can be a greater evil than such obvious sinful deeds as the ones committed by the residents of Sodom?

Probably, the residents of those cities used to live in their sins from generation to generation since nobody revealed the truth of their sin to them. Probably, they did not know that Christ, the Savior of the World, was supposed to come. Probably, they considered that only the chosen people, and not they could be rescued. Probably,

their sins were a certain escape or search.

Lack of repentance in one's heart, conscious non-acceptance of God is worse than those sins. The residents of the cities where Jesus was preaching did not accept His teachings. They were waiting for the Messiah the prophets had been telling about, but Jesus did not correspond to their idea about the Savior. They witnessed the miracles performed by Jesus, but they rejected the acts of God in them. They considered themselves too righteous, too smart to accept Christ's teachings. Their hearts were not capable of repentance and conversion.

July 15

Thursday

**The Placing of the Precious
Robe of Our Most Holy Lady
and the Mother of God**

Hebrews 9: 1-7

Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

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Hebrews 9: 1-7

Brethren, now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without

taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

Luke 10: 38-42, 11: 27-28

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

Meditation

Today's Word of God liberates us from all obstacles. In some way the image of Martha, Mary's sister, represents the whole world with its business and lack of attention. The world captivates us with things that distract and distance us from what is really worth seeing, from what can change our lives – from the presence of God. Indeed, it is important to see the beauty even in small things in order not to stop on the way towards the open arms of the Lord. Whenever thoughts, worries or important choices appear, one should resist the temptation to think and plan instead it is necessary to pray and

listen to the Word. Then the worries and anxieties will disappear, the light for the mind will come, and you will be able to rely on your faith in those things which you cannot yet do or understand.

Everyone can say, Lord, I am still very little in faith. But I see how much You have done and continue to do in my life. Therefore, I ask You to send Your Spirit to strengthen me in the fight against all temptations that try to distract me from hearing Your Word and from the prayer full of trust in You.

We also ask for the help from the Blessed Virgin to be able to every day unite in ourselves the images of Mary and Martha, that is, we ask for a balance between action and contemplation. Only in this way we can truly and daily feel God's presence and His boundless love for us. In this way we will be as blessed as She is. Because we will carry Jesus Himself through our lives. As we listen to His words, we feel His presence throughout the day, trying to respond with love to His love.

July 16

Friday

Romans 11: 25-36

Matthew 12: 1-8

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Romans 11: 25-36

Brethren, so that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, "Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob." "And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to Him, to receive a gift in return?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 12: 1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

Meditation

A human is the highest value for God. This value should not be well-deserved. It cannot be removed or destroyed.

Jesus did not violate the commandments. But when His disciples got hungry, He did not ban them from plucking heads of grain. Certainly,

Jesus respected the Sabbath, but it was more important for Him to satisfy people's hunger than to comply with the prescriptions concerning working on the Sabbath. Jesus takes care not just about human soul, but about body as well. Otherwise He would not have healed all the sick people approaching Him, would not have multiplied bread and fish.

The Pharisees complain to Jesus about His disciples. They see some hungry people eating raw heads of grain and do not share bread with them, but criticize them. They do not see the need of others, but try to find faults with them.

Jesus does not reject rules and traditions, but He wants to put everything to the rights places. He shows what is most important, and what is secondary. To give food to the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to help the ones in need is more important than traditions and rules. To console the upset, to listen to the worried, to cheer up the timid, to calm down the scared, to tell a good word and to smile at the neighbour is more important than sacrifices.

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, – Jesus tells me today. And He is the example of mercy. Jesus forgives the sins I repent about. And I want to forgive my neighbour his fault before me. Jesus tells the truth, teaches the Word of God. And my words are to support, and not to offend. Jesus heals people. And I want to help those in need, to relieve them from their sufferings.

It is impossible to love God whom you don't see, without loving the people around. Since God loves everyone, every person is important for Him. How can one assess or judge someone who is important for

God? The devil is the one to condemn and complain about the children of God on a permanent basis. He is our enemy.

How can one teach a person who does not know how to behave in a temple, and not notice the joy the angels in heaven derive from the fact that this person has come to the temple in search of God?

How can one point to a person's sin, if you don't see and tell how God loves this person, wants to accept, to forgive and to give a blessing to him/her?

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, the Lord of mine and of everything that has been created.

July 17

Saturday

Romans 6: 11-17

Matthew 8: 14-23

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Romans 6: 11-17

Brethren, so you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

Matthew 8: 14-23

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

Meditation

Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go. The task of every Christian is to follow Jesus Christ. A disciple must humbly pray and keep asking Jesus, resiliently, on a daily basis, to show Himself, to inspire him/her to take new paths and forms. To refresh and give life to our calling. A disciple must humbly bow to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to give prompts as to what the path for the performance of our salvation mission stemming from our calling is going to be today.

The forms must change, and that is good that they change. But one should find relevant forms meeting the times of modern humans. But who is to prompt these forms to us? Definitely, not our heart, our will, or our desires. That is the task of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit only. It is only the two of them that interpret and know the will of the Father and His eternal Wisdom. Communion with Christ and the Holy Spirit in the prayer is the path on which we will open up and gain the necessary knowledge of the form of our calling, that would meet the requirements of the time, the requirement for each stage of our life.

Today Jesus gives two forms that have been in existence for ages and will never change. Those who give themselves to Jesus for the sake of the salvation mission need to forget about their bodies and their needs. The Father will take care of the body. His Providence will take care of all the essential things. The Providence will take care of it, feed it, and give everything it needs to perform the mission of salvation. And here is another rule. Those sacrificing themselves to the Lord already cannot belong to their own feelings and desires, even relevant and holy ones. The feelings and desires must be handed over to Christ. He will take care of them. He will calm them down. We will satisfy God's feelings and desire of salvation, while He will calm down our human feelings and desires. For us not to neglect anything we could do for other's sake. Let us ask the Lord for the mercy of sacrificing ourselves fully to the Father, for us to perform our calling, since that is where our real happiness is.

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