

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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TALK #3

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TALK OUTLINE

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- How did the apostles receive the Holy Spirit?
- How do we receive the Holy Spirit?
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- How the Holy Spirit transforms?

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?



“I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, together they are
worshipped and glorified.”

- Nicene Creed



The Holy Spirit is God, co-eternal and co-equal to the Father and the Son.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- the creative power in all life
- animates all
- binds all together
- guides all towards everlasting salvation



“I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you always. The Spirit of truth whom the world cannot accept since it neither sees him nor recognizes him; but you can recognize him, because he remains with you and will be within you.”

(John 14: 16-17)

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- He is active particularly in Jesus Christ — in His conception, baptism, public works, death and resurrection.



“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, therefore He has anointed me.” (Luke 4: 18)

“. . . The way God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil and God was with Him.” (Acts 10: 38)

HOW THE APOSTLES RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I send down upon you the promise of my Father. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
(John 24: 49)



On Pentecost Day, a Jewish feast, the apostles and some of the disciples had gathered together in prayer, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, when suddenly a noise like a strong wind was heard and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each one present. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, and boldly proclaimed as the Spirit prompted them. (Refer to Acts 2: 1-4)



HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, Peter announced Jesus Christ crucified as Lord and Messiah. His hearers asked him what they were to do. Peter answered, “You must reform and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin may be forgiven — then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2: 37-38)



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Isaiah 11:2-3

7. FEAR OF OFFENDING THE LORD (or REVERENCE)

- confirms the theological virtue of hope
- gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him
- arises out of love, not just duty

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Isaiah 11:2-3

6. PIETY

- the perfection of the virtue of religion
- where religion is regarded the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God
- takes that willingness **beyond a sense of duty**, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him **out of love**, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish

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5. KNOWLEDGE



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- often confused with both wisdom and understanding
- like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith
- wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so
- like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life
- In a way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them
- Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

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4. FORTITUDE (also Courage)

- both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue
- it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel
- while fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage
- the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith

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3. COUNSEL or RIGHT JUDGEMENT

- the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural.
- Through this, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition.
- Because of the gift, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths

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Isaiah 11:2-3

2. UNDERSTANDING

- differs from wisdom
- wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith.
- Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

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1. WISDOM

- the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit
- the perfection of the theological virtue of faith
- Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world,
- Helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

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1. Message of wisdom
2. Message of knowledge
3. Gift of faith
4. Gift of healing
5. Power to do miracles
6. Ability to prophesy
7. Ability to tell the spirits apart
8. Ability to speak in tongues (languages not known before)
9. Ability to explain / interpret tongues

1 Corinthians

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12:1-11

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS

The Fruit of the Spirit



1. LOVE: seeks the highest good of others
2. JOY: gladness that is not based on circumstances
3. PEACE: contentment, unity between people
4. PATIENCE: slow to speak and slow to anger
5. KINDNESS: merciful, sweet and tender
6. GOODNESS: generous and open hearted
7. FAITHFULNESS: dependable, loyal and full of trust
8. GENTLENESS: humble, calm non-threatening
9. SELF-CONTROL: behaving well

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Galatians 5:22-23

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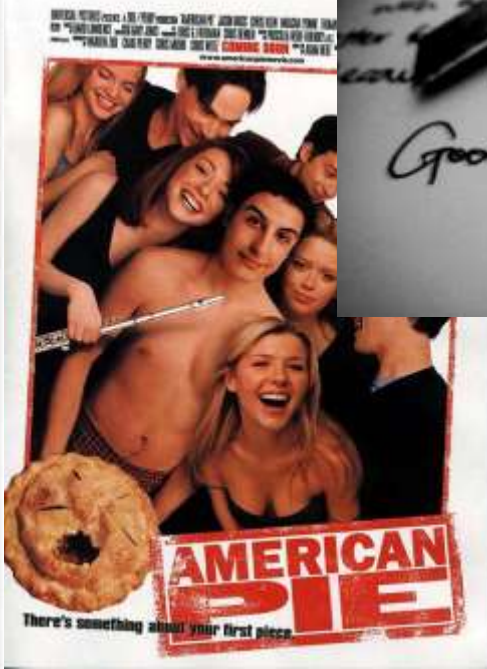
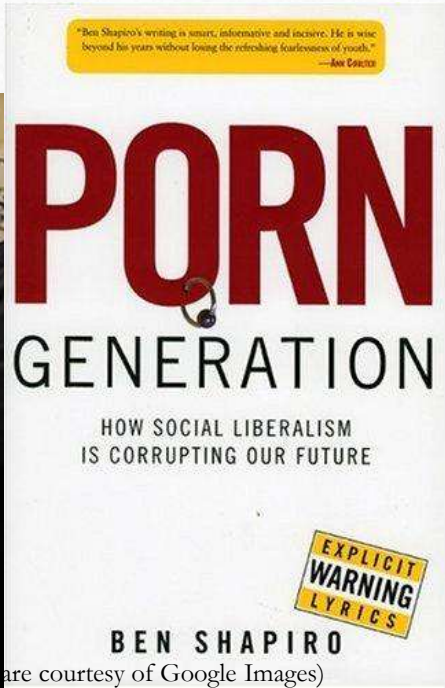
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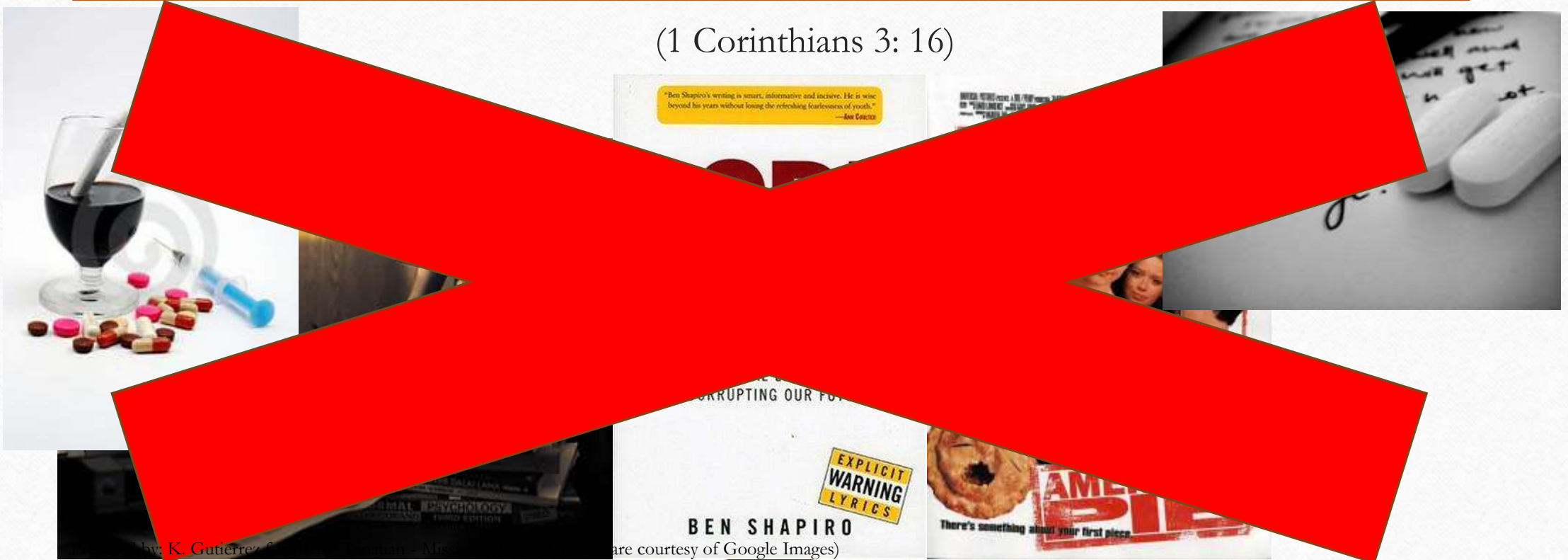


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HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS

- His warmth and love are directed to the Church and to each individual. The essential task of the Holy Spirit is to sanctify and make each one holy.

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A
TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
WITHIN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD?

YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN
FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT
WITH A PRICE
GLORIFY GOD
IN YOUR BODY

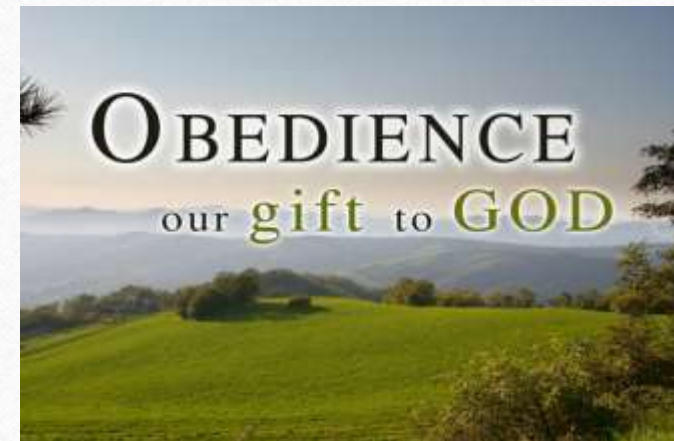
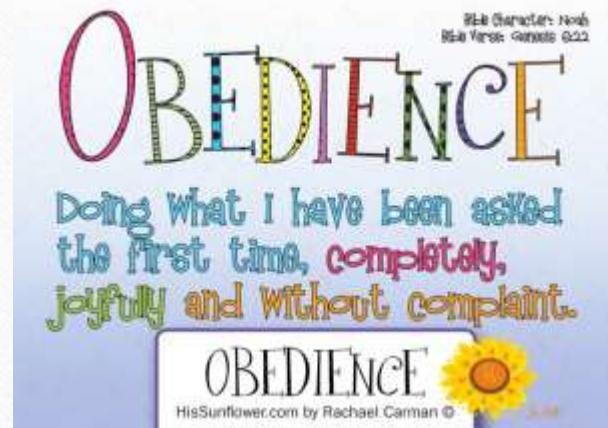
1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20



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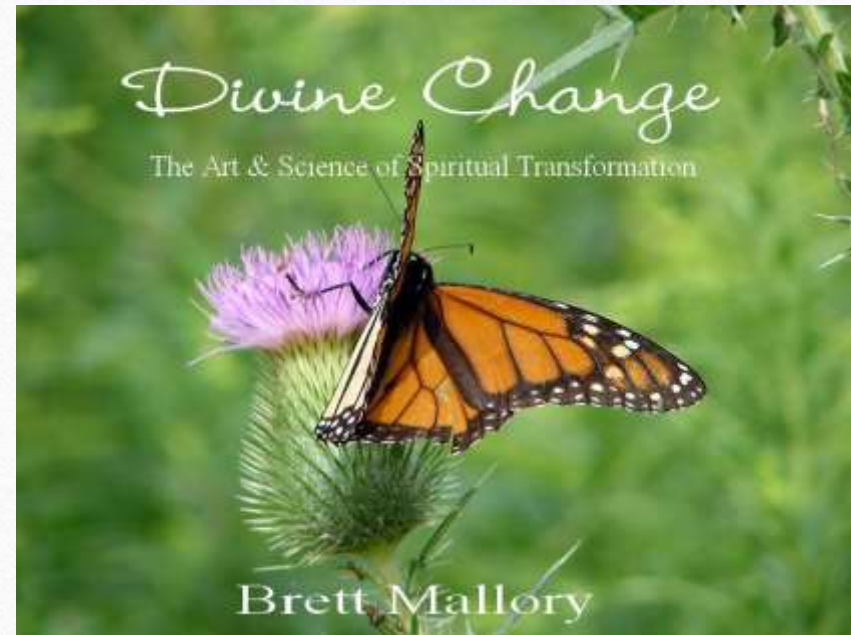
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- “I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes careful to observe my decrees.” (Ezekiel 36: 26-27)



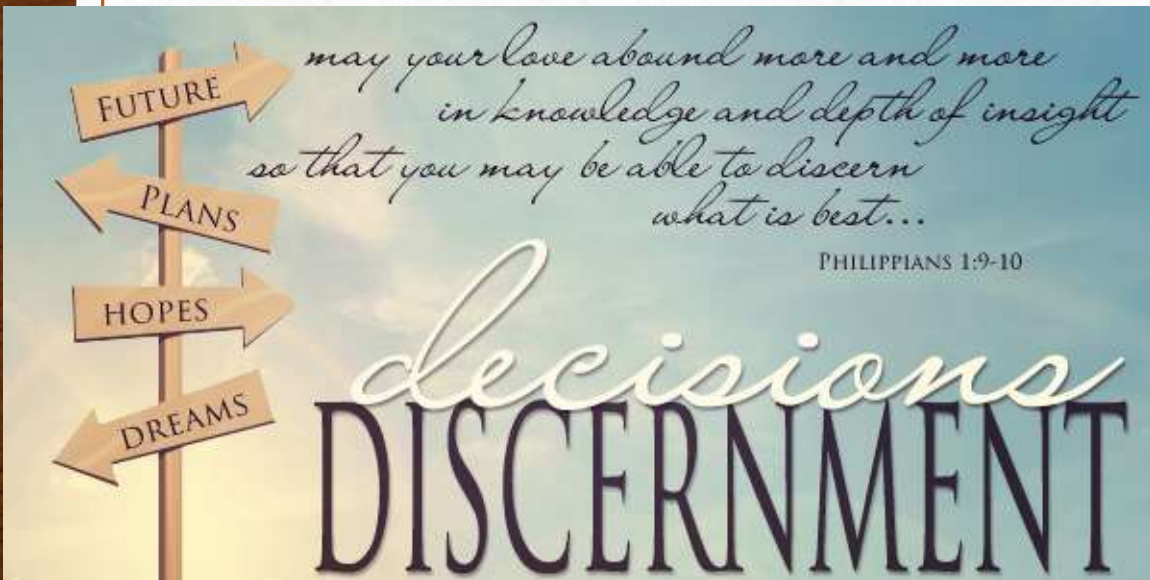
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- The Holy Spirit provides us with a new power to do what is right and effect changes in our nature.



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- He also brings us the presence of God so we can pray, hear His voice and experience his intervention in our daily lives.



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FROM FEAR

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HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS



TO COURAGE

FROM FEAR



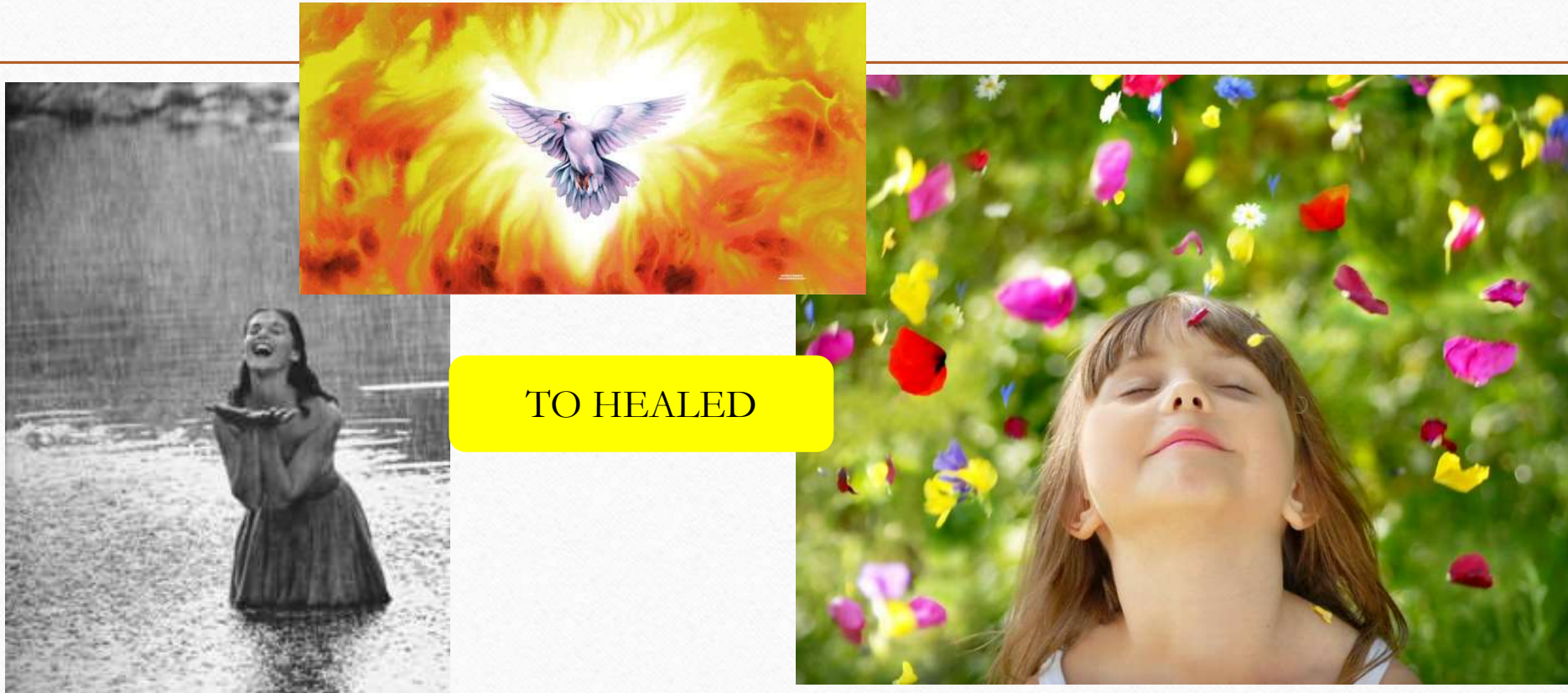
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FROM HURT



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TO HEALED

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FULL OF FAITH

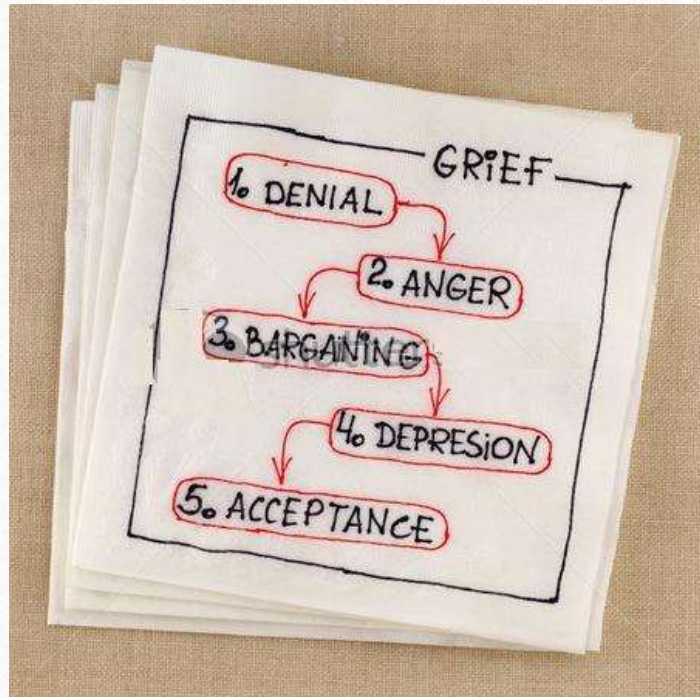


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CHALLENGE



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Let's ask ourselves:

are we open to the Holy Spirit,
do we pray to the Holy Spirit,
to enlighten us,
to make us more sensitive
to the things of God?

This is a prayer
we need to pray every day:

Holy Spirit,
may my heart be open
to the Word of God,
may my heart be open to good,
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One Human Family Food For All Campaign Prayer

Pope Francis and Caritas International

O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty.

You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family.

Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food - even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food.

Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as "One Human Family" with "Food for All".

AMEN.

“The food available in the world is enough to feed everyone”

Pope Francis

THANK YOU AND
GOD BLESS!

End of Presentation

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