

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF MARCH 25, 2008

“Dear children! I call you to work on your personal conversion. You are still far from meeting with God in your heart. Therefore, spend all the more time in prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, for Him to change you and to put into your hearts a living faith and a desire for eternal life. Everything is passing, little children, only God is not passing. I am with you and I encourage you with love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meeting with God in Your Heart

A. In Prayer.

1. **Presence.** Jesus said once: “I simply would like to be treated as a Person.” That would mean when we enter a Church or a Chapel we would reverently genuflect and say something appropriate and worthy because we have come into the presence of a Person and a Divine Being. This requires an act of Faith; otherwise, we would be genuflecting to a tabernacle.
 - a. Jesus is also enthroned in the center of our heart and soul through Baptism. Our Blessed Mother has asked us periodically to turn inward and adore the Divine Presence in our heart.
 - b. Jesus also said that He is at our right side walking with us through the journey of life as our Companion and Good Shepherd. How strange to be walking with our Best Friend without saying a word. In times of need, is He the last one we turn to? He is always ready with good advice.
 - c. Our Blessed Mother has asked us to fill our day with little prayers like: “Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you, save souls.” Jesus said that when we offer every little event of the day out of love, we turn our whole day into gold – something that will really surprise us in eternity.

2. **Heart.** Jesus said once: “I only want your heart.” Our Blessed Mother advises us to put more feeling into our prayer. St. Teresa of Avila said that prayer is always a matter of loving; when loving stops, prayer stops. Jesus said that to really encounter Me in prayer, three things are necessary:
 - a. **Be Simple.** A simple heart is a heart purified of all attachments to make visible our real self; it is a heart that is candid and open, straight-forward and unaffected, child-like, trusting, full of good will. Jesus told St. Faustina that her simple reporting of all the little events of the day was worth more to Him than all the ornate hymns composed in His honor. Simple souls engage in spontaneous and delightful conversation.
 - b. **Approach Me.** Jesus explained this as “coming to Me with your heart in your hand”, i.e., desire; looking forward eagerly to be with Me, greeting Me lovingly, delighting that you are talking to Me, speaking freely to Me about what is exactly in your heart, simply enjoying to be with Me.
 - c. **Come Close.** Jesus explained this as sharing: opening your heart and spontaneously spilling out all that is in it, appreciating all the while how eager I am to hear what is on your mind and in your heart. Jesus said: although I want to hear from you first, you must let Me share. I will respond to what you tell Me, I will give some advice, and then I will tell you what is really on My Heart. And so with such an exchange, our hearts have become one and there has been an encounter in prayer.

3. **A Living Faith.** A living Faith is a Faith informed by love, a practical Faith that is able to discern the presence of Jesus. John, in his Gospel, symbolized this when he

said that the Beloved Disciple ran faster than Peter in their race to the tomb. John saw and believed; love provides the intuition of Faith. In this Easter season we share in the Mystery of the Resurrection through a life of Faith, Hope, and Love – three virtues that have their origin in God.

- a. Mary Magdalene is a beautiful example of this. She could not live separated from Jesus, because of her love for Him. This same love helped her hear the voice of Jesus calling her name.
- b. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus cared so much about Jesus that when He spoke their hearts burst into flame.
- c. The beloved Disciple in the fishing boat on the Lake of Tiberius with six other disciples was able to discern the presence of Jesus through His love.

B. In Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. Our Blessed Mother has this to say:

“Dear Children! Today, I invite you to fall in love with the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Adore Him, little children, in your parishes and in this way you will be united with the entire world. Jesus will become your Friend and you will not talk of Him like Someone whom you barely know. Unity with Him will be a joy for you and you will become witnesses to the love of Jesus that He has for every creature. Little children, when you adore Jesus you are also close to me. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (Sept. 25, 1995)

2. In another venue, Our Blessed Mother says this:

- a. “See Jesus in the splendor of His Glorious Body as He appeared to me after the Resurrection. He is all Light. Thank you for the joy you are giving to the Heart of Jesus, Who is smiling upon you with pleasure. He is transported with tenderness for you.”
- b. “Jesus is present to teach you how to grow, to help you walk, to strengthen you, to give you courage, to be a support in all your sufferings.”
- c. “Jesus takes your little heart and He opens it, He expands it, and He fills it with His love. Let your heart be completely immersed in His Eucharistic Heart, so that you enter into a personal intimacy of life with Him.”
- d. “Yours should not only be a presence of prayer, but also a COMMUNION OF LIFE with Jesus.
 - 1) When you approach Him, realize that He SEES you;
 - 2) When you speak of Him, realize that He HEARS you;
 - 3) When you confide in Him, realize that He WELCOMES YOUR EVERY WORD;
 - 4) When you ask Him for something, realize He ALWAYS ANSWERS YOUR PRAYER.”
- e. “Go before the tabernacle to establish a SIMPLE RAPPORT with Him.
 - 1) Seek out Jesus with the same NATURALNESS that you seek a friend, or
 - 2) Entrust yourself to a person very dear to you, or
 - 3) Feel the need of a friend to assist you.
Make of Jesus your DEAREST FRIEND, THE MOST TRUSTED PERSON,
THE MOST DESIRED AND MOST LOVED OF ALL.”
- f. “Tell Jesus your love and repeat this prayer often:

‘Jesus, you are my Love;
Jesus, you alone are my Best Friend.
Jesus, I love you.
Jesus, I am in love with you.’

This makes Jesus immensely happy. This consoles Him for all the ingratitude, this compensates for all the betrayals.”

- g. “Come more and more to appreciate Jesus:
 - 1) How He longs for you and waits for you;
 - 2) How He loves you;
 - 3) How a little gesture of love fills Him with joy;
 - 4) How a drop of pure love helps Him forget all.”
- h. “In this TRUE COMMUNION OF LOVE with Him, you will never again feel alone, because He has remained here below to be always with you.
He loves in you and you love in Him.
He lives in you and you live in Him!”

-Rev. Robert Hughes, S.M.