

OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 25, 2004

“Dear Children! I call you all to conversion of heart. Decide, as in the first days of my coming here, for a complete change of your life. In this way, little children, you will have the strength to kneel and to open your hearts before God. God will hear your prayers and answer them. Before God, I intercede for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Letting God Be God

A. A Complete Change of Life.

1. Radical Choice. I recently read a report about the sinking of the Titanic. When the alarm went off, people dropped everything and rushed for the lifeboats. There was no time for a lot of hemming and hawing; they simply left all their belongings behind without hesitation and headed for the deck. Their one thought was for survival. All their previous plans and priorities disappeared in an instant and they adopted a whole new attitude toward life. Their hearts were torn away from all their possessions and attachments, and they set their hearts anew on God's protection murmuring intense prayers that God would save them.
2. A Touch of Drama. Heaven is looking for something analogous to take place in our own lives. For 23 years Our Lady has been inviting, calling, begging, pleading for a wholehearted response from us. In the first days of her coming to Biakovici, the entire village was stunned with amazement and realized something extremely important was taking place. The visionaries rushed up the hill and the people followed; in five days there were 15,000 people present. They met in the Church and put into practice every little directive Our Lady gave them. They were filled with good will and a great eagerness to comply with whatever was asked of them. Our Lady is asking us to rediscover those pristine sentiments.

B. Conversion of Heart.

1. A Grace. Setting our hearts completely on God, surrendering our lives completely into His hands, and letting Him call all the shots in our life means to recognize Him as the source of all our blessings and thus to depend on Him entirely. To adopt such an attitude is a great grace; we certainly cannot do this on our own. But with each message, Our Lady assures us the grace is there, and it flows into our lives day by day if we ask for it.
2. Ark of the Covenant. Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant, our lifeboat. Just as Noah saved his family in the ark in the days of the flood, so God has sent Our Blessed Mother to be our Refuge and Help. God's plan for our safety was revealed at Fatima: devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

C. Living This Message.

One way of trying to achieve what Our Lady (and God) is asking of us is to begin each day with the intention of turning over our life to God.

This involves seven (7) short steps....

A. Make God Number 1 – Say ‘Yes’

1. Decide for God. (Hear His call. He chose us, a very important mission.)
2. Love God Above and Before All Else.
3. Seek God's Will Earnestly. (This is a Decision for Holiness.)
4. Accept His Plan. (Mary as Mother, Guide, Teacher.)

B. Personal Consequences.

5. Surrender Completely. (Put your life in God's hands: all you do and possess.)
6. Make Prayer Your Top Priority. (Converse with God, Jesus, Our Lady.)
7. Ask God's Blessing. (Receive the Holy Spirit that all goes well.)