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The Dark Night of the Third Nail of Crucifixion

…The watchmen found me,
as they went about in the city;
they beat me, they wounded me,
they took away my mantle,
those watchmen of the walls. (5:7)

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Now, My beloved, My bride, I allow you to come out of yourself to seek Me, yet I do not allow you to find Me, for this is the dark night (5:6). *Yet, the seeking of your soul for your Bridegroom in the dangerous dark night of the city perfects you, My bride, in perfect faith, hope, and love. As the bride in the Song of Songs is wounded by the "watchmen" (5:7), you, too, are now being allowed to be wounded by Satan's attacks on you and My little mustard seed. 9/12/26*

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> This scene describes the Shulamite (bride) being beaten by the "watchmen of the walls." Who are the watchmen? They represent the leaders of the church. (Ezekiel 3:17-19, Isaiah 62:6) … Often the most painful experience we can endure as believers is being mistreated and hurt by church leaders. In fact, this is one of the most common reasons why people leave the church. Some of them never get over their bitterness, offense, and disillusionment. It's a tragedy, but it happens all too often.
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> This is the true test of the *Dark Night of the Soul*: the test of offense, which is made up of a couple of elements. Firstly, God seems silent; you can't feel His presence anymore. Secondly, your world has been turned upside down by crisis and pain. Thirdly, which is less evident in the text, is how *long* it lasts. In real life, the "Dark Night of the Soul" could last months, even years.[1]

Jesus, in this most recent message, reveals a new stage of the dark night for those who have followed Him to receive the third nail of crucifixion. He is explaining to us that He is allowing me and you, His little mustard seed, to be wounded. We as a community are now living the wound of the third nail of crucifixion, with the division that exists within our community. Why is the Lord allowing our hearts to be wounded in this manner?

First, because, like all the dark nights, it will help bring about the death of self. It will force us to depend solely on God, as a little child, when faced with danger and wounded, runs to his mother and father for protection. The child in a great battle knows his littleness, weakness, and nothingness, and we, too, as adults, must also become childlike and innocent. Second, because

[1] https://mybelovedmelody.wordpress.com/2019/03/27/dark-night-of-the-soul-a-commentary-on-song-of-songs-chapter-5/

we must experience, as any frontline soldier, the powerful force of evil and know that we are powerless before such a force, yet God is all-powerful, so when we fight as a speck of dust consumed in Love crucified, the fullness of the graces of Jesus' passion and death triumphs, not me nor you.

> *The childlike innocent will inherit the Kingdom of God. My little one, the decisive battle for the salvation of the world is about to be waged. The greatest forces of evil are almost all in place. Many lives will be lost. This is the battle I have been preparing you for, My little one. It will be won by My pure victims of love. These have the innocence of a child in their love for Me. These trust in the power of My sacrifice of love. These unite to My sacrifice as one with Me to obtain grace for the world. These are Mary's white army. This army will wage war against the principalities of death and win. Allow Me to detach you from all things so that you can become one with God. 7/17/13*

Third, the Lord desires our faith and hope in all that He has said to us to be solid, like an anchor buried deep in the sand, keeping the boat still and safe even amid turbulent waters.

Catholic teaching interprets the "watchmen" mentioned in Song of Songs (5:7) as Church leaders or ministers. They symbolize those in spiritual authority who are expected to provide guidance and protection to the faithful. Throughout the history of the Church, many saints entered the dark night of the spirit through persecution by Church officials. I will use the example of two saints who have been very important in our formation: Padre Pio and St. Joan of Arc.

Archbishop Pasquale Gagliardi and Father Gemelli persecuted Padre Pio severely. Starting around 1919, Archbishop Gagliardi gathered negative testimonies, accused Padre Pio and the Capuchins of fostering "idolatry", and sent damaging denunciations to the Vatican's Holy Office. Fr. Gemelli declared to the Holy Office that the stigmata were the result of a psychopathic or simulated condition. The Holy Office issued successive restrictive decrees over the years—eventually forbidding Padre Pio from celebrating Mass publicly or hearing confessions in the early 1930s. While he faced these external calumnies, suspensions, and unjust investigations with profound obedience and humility, the emotional weight compounded his internal spiritual suffering, deepening his experiences of spiritual aridity and the "darkness" of soul that mystics endure. The Lord perfected Padre Pio during those very dark two years, granting him great sanctity, as he was made more perfectly in the image and likeness of Jesus crucified. Our Lord provided Padre Pio as an early example in our LC Community of an earthly priest who lived as a priest-victim united intimately to Jesus. Jesus named our family cabin at the Refuge, *Padre Pio's Refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus*.

St. Joan of Arc was also persecuted by Church officials, which eventually led to her execution. During her year of imprisonment, Joan of Arc faced severe hardships, including solitary confinement. The authorities employed various tactics to break her spirit, including threats and intimidation. Her trial lasted several months, during which she faced relentless questioning aimed at discrediting her claims of divine guidance. Yet, through God's grace, Joan persevered through this horrible dark night and remained faithful to the voices that had been speaking to her. Our formation from the Lord as God's warriors of the end times and His many messages

preparing us for great battles against the forces of evil, including the evil within our beloved Church, has made St. Joan of Arc a role model for us. For me personally, she has been a dear sister companion, walking with me and helping me also to have the courage to remain faithful and obedient to the prophetic messages I have been receiving

Jesus also endured persecution from church officials, the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus lived His dark night through His passion and death on the Cross. All the forces of darkness were conquered through Jesus' perfect obedience in allowing Himself to be crucified on the Cross. His desolation (dark night), lived in perfect faith, hope, and love, set us all free. Through Jesus' dark night on the Cross, Love triumphed! Therefore, as we voluntarily choose to live the third nail of Jesus' crucifixion, we enter into Jesus' desolation, and He permits us to also enter His dark night, in which we experience and are confronted with the darkness of evil. It's as if, with Christ crucified, we enter the frontline of battle against the forces of Satan. Christ allows us to experience Satan's force before us and all around us. This great confrontation between the forces of good and evil, which Jesus lived through during His passion and death, we too enter and live according to God's Will for each of us. This final confrontation, the dark night, brings us to know our utter littleness, weakness, nothingness, incapacity, and as we accept the truth of our misery, we look solely to God and depend solely on Him.

This can be likened to the "Dark Night of the Spirit" of Saint John of the Cross. He wrote this work during the persecution and imprisonment he endured within his own community. It is a deeper, more agonizing purgation. Here, the intellect is stripped of its ordinary concepts of God, the memory of secure anchors, and the will of selfish desires. In this most intense darkness, we become childlike and innocent, and enter into Abba's embrace through Jesus crucified, and our faith, hope, and love are perfected.

The life of the dark night through all the different levels of purification lived in God's *Simple Path* prepares us to become God's warriors in the decisive battle between good and evil. This is Mary's white army, which conquers all darkness through our union with Christ crucified. The *Simple Path* prepares God's saints of the end times to be His warriors in the decisive battle. The word battle appears 132 times in 75 messages. On June 21, 2025, Mary revealed to me the great battle between the forces of good and evil, drawing upon the Book of Revelation.

> As I began the prayer of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, interiorly I saw Mary approach me and place a long, white veil upon my head. I seemed to be sitting, and then she took me by the hand, stood me up, and began walking with me. We were walking on the earth, but everything was black. I did not see any buildings or homes, only blackness. Then souls began to appear united with me, all wearing white robes, and Mary revealed to me Jesus mounted on a white horse before all of us. Then, in front of us, Mary revealed to me Satan on a red horse with his souls all facing us. I understood there were two camps. During these interior images, Mary never spoke.
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> Then Mary asked me to write. She explained:
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> *The great battle between the forces of good and evil is about to begin. I was placing the white veil over your head to represent that you have been made pure as one with my Son*

in His sacrifice of love (Rev 3:4-5; 6:9-11; 7:9-10,14; 14:4-5). The Earth is dark and devastated, representing the condition of the Earth after the great destruction. I revealed to you my army dressed in white gowns, and Jesus on the white horse (Rev. 6:2; 19:11-16), as your leader (messages 9/27/13; 8/6/17). Before (in front of) this holy army, I revealed to you Satan on the red horse (Rev. 6:4) with his army, to show you that the battle is ready to begin very soon (Rev.19:17-19). The Path has been God's formation for His saints of these end times (Rev. 19:7-8). The forces of evil cannot withstand the power of God contained in these holy souls, for they have become God's living hosts. They are filled with the Blood of my Son and possess the power of Jesus' Eucharistic life. Satan knows he will not win this battle (Rev. 17:14), but ***will attempt, through fear, to weaken God's holy ones.*** *Therefore, you must keep your gaze on Jesus alive in the Eucharist, and He, and only He, will strengthen you to persevere. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph as one with my Son's Sacred Heart. My little one, respond with great courage in disseminating the words we bring you to guide and protect God's holy ones, prepared for this great and decisive battle. Be at peace, for God is with you.*

The third nail of crucifixion marks a new stage in God's *Simple Path to Union with Him,* which we are beginning to discover as we obey and live what He tells us in each message. By choosing to remain in the inner chamber of Jesus' Sacred Heart in the intimacy of His desolation, in silence and prayer, contemplating His guiding words to us, we are clothed with the final pieces of our battle armor. This battle armor shines with the radiance of Jesus' righteousness. Jesus, nailed naked on the Cross, clothed in His precious Blood, and wounded by our trespasses, reveals the battle armor of His victim souls. We too must be naked, stripped of all self-love, stripped of all our attachments to our reputation, being accepted, liked, and so on; stripped of all worldly desires; our hearts must wear the wounds of being rejected, misunderstood, abandoned, calumniated, humiliated, and covered in the blood of Christ as we receive the woundedness, brokenness, and oppressions of others. Now, in this more perfect union with the Crucified, we enter through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, the frontline battle against the forces of evil. This great battle against the forces of evil is the dark night of the 3rd nail of crucifixion.

This dark night, my community, will be the most challenging we have lived through, yet the Lord, in His infinite goodness, is truly making us His saints of the end times. We, too, will have to persevere through strong persecution, as Padre Pio and St. Joan of Arc did. On August 15, 2021, Jesus gave us very clear directives on how to battle, and these directives are now of the essence for us as we enter this dark night:

My little one, as one with the Mother of God, the Woman clothed with the sun, given the power from on High to crush the head of Satan, the great battle for the salvation of the world has begun. My remnant victim souls, united as one with Me, Victim, with all the past victim souls and those of the future, will ***battle the Beast in and through the power of My Cross.*** *Persevere, My little one, in leading the few who have responded.* ***Be ready to suffer with Me in this decisive battle*** *for the salvation of countless souls.* ***Stand firm against the great deception of Satan; speak the truth*** *as it is revealed to you with courage, and* ***be steadfast in your mission and identity*** *as My spouse of My most precious Blood.* ***Be joyful****, for you have come to believe in the victory which I have obtained through My death and resurrection.* ***Be diligent in withstanding his lies and***

deception. ***Trust that I live in you as one with you, and I am guiding you*** *as My warrior in this decisive battle.*

You might be wondering what the intimacy of this very intense dark night is. You experience a peaceful, gentle, quiet stillness in the depth of your being, which is the intimacy of a soul in union with God. You experience this intimacy through the grace of perfect faith and hope. Walking in the darkness of faith in this intense battleground, believing all that God has revealed to us, prepares our hearts to be infused with perfect faith, hope, and love. Jesus said to us:

The seeking of your soul for your Bridegroom in the dangerous dark night of the city perfects you, My bride, in perfect faith, hope, and love.

The *dangerous dark night of the city* is the frontline battle, and as we choose to keep our gaze on Love crucified, even though we can not see or perceive Him, we choose to walk in this dark night, remembering and believing His words. Our bodies feel exhaustion, pain, intense sorrow; we feel our utter nothingness, yet interiorly the life of the Godhead is expanding and consuming our very depth of being; a bitterness combined with celestial sweetness.

Fray Rafael Arnaiz, whom Macu introduced to our LC community because he was a hidden, little, insignificant victim soul, describes the dark night of battle in the simplest yet most profound language to help us, as we prepare through this retreat, to enter this dark night.

> I knew you were suffering. I saw you at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, all alone, on a stormy night, with the Holy Cross without Jesus. I saw you suffering. Do you remember what I drew one night on a piece of paper, when I saw you crying?...
> How good it feels to be at the foot of the Lord's Cross when He looks at us. What is difficult is to remain also on the Cross when Christ disappears from our sight and what remains is the Cross, withered, black and bloodstained. Then, on Calvary, there is neither Saint John, nor the Holy Women, nor Mary; we remain alone with the darkness and the Cross. We do not even know how to pray, nor do we hear God—*nothing*… We only know how to suffer. We look up to Christ, and He is not there. (811)[2]

> What does it matter to us?... Isn't that what the Lord wants? Well then! Take heart, dear brother; behind what *you cannot see*, Jesus is there. He looks at you; He sees you weeping for Him, and your tears wash away many things. How happy you're going to be! Love God without seeing Him and without having Him; though I find it very hard not to feel Him, especially when you truly love Him. So, *you feel Him without feeling Him*—do you understand me? You think you're far away, but that's not the case. (812)

On August 14th, 2026, the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great warrior in Mary's army, Jesus made it clear that this final stage of our purification will require complete detachment from the world and ourselves. He comes to us, His little victim souls, as the faithful Bridegroom "sick with love" for a holy spouse transformed in God's purity and beauty. He poses four questions to us, which will form part of our reflection questions:

[2] Fray Maria Rafael Arnaiz Baron, *Mi Vivir Es Cristo,* Colección de Pensamientos extractados por los PP. Damian Yanez y Alberico Feliz, monjes Cistercienses de la Estrecha Obsrvancia.

My little one, the ecstasy of love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the treasured pearl given to My Bride, the Church, to live all the days of your life on earth as it is in heaven. Yet, My Bride must sell all she possesses to receive this treasured pearl. How few spouses, My little one, are willing to sell everything, to let go of all, solely to possess Me, your Lord and Savior, and through Me, the entire Trinity. This is My continuous desolation, for I am the Bridegroom without a faithful spouse, except for the holy remnant past, present, and future.

- *Are you willing to remain as one heart with Me in My desolation, waiting for My spouse, the Church, to respond?*
- *Are you willing to share in this agony of My Sacred Heart?*
- *Are you willing to remain collecting My tears, for your Bridegroom is not known nor loved by the vast majority of souls?*
- *Are you willing to remain in the darkness of My desolation solely for love of Me and to be My continuous consolation as one with My Mother?*

My little one, this last stage of our total union will require of you complete detachment from the world.

Reflection:

1. How have the Lord and Our Blessed Mother been preparing and forming you, specifically through the book "Silence" and the messages and teachings, to live out this third nail of the dark night? How are you responding?

2. An important and central aspect of our identity as Mothers and Missionaries of the Cross is that of being warriors. The Lord has been preparing us inwardly through this “dark night” of the third nail for the battle that lies ahead. How does God want us to fight in the spiritual battles being waged in our community, within the Church, and in the world at large?

3. Read from our *Silence* book, pages 152 (La “Soledad”—Solitude) to 157.