

Entering Jesus' Desolation
"Woman, behold your son!" part 2
3rd part of 5th reflection

Simplicity lived with Mary

The third promise we made to our Blessed Mother was to become simple through the power of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of the graces of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. In Mathew 6:33, Jesus advises us to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, prioritizing spiritual over material needs:

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This virtue, too, is best formed in us by Mary. In fact, one month after we received the invitation from our Blessed Mother to enter the cloister of her Immaculate Heart, Jesus gave us a message explaining the virtue of simplicity and again turned our gaze to Mary, telling us to learn from her simplicity. He told us that, "without silence, simplicity can never grow to bring forth the blossom of perfect love." For me, living in Mary's solitude, learning from her in the depths of my heart and her heart, has made inner silence my way of life. Jesus also explained to us that a "soul who becomes simple lives on earth consumed in God," and then He ended his message by letting us know that "few souls on earth acquire this virtue due to the lack of perseverance in the interior crucifixion of the heart, mind, faculties, and emotions. Glory to God on earth for the few that reach this summit of holiness as one with Mary."

Simplicity is the virtue that immerses you into the oneness of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is simple, and you were created to become simple in God, as one with Him.

Learn from Mary's perfect simplicity. She is ALL for God. She lives solely for Him. She lived in good times and very difficult times in perfect love and gratitude to Abba Father. Her simplicity was lived as My Mother. She performed every duty as Mother and wife for the glory of God. She loved and served Me in the continuous awareness that I Am the Son of God, one with the Father. Therefore, her simplicity was lived through the continuous prayer of awe and gratitude. Her simplicity was also lived in her relationship with the Holy Spirit, her Spouse. She was perfectly obedient to His every stirring within her being. Her simplicity of Heart, which is being ALL for God, was possible because of her silence. Without silence, simplicity can never grow to bring forth the blossom of perfect love.

Throughout the Simple Path, you each have been growing in the virtue of simplicity as you have allowed the Holy Spirit to bring into the light of your consciences your many patterns of falsehood and attachments to the world, your flesh, and self. As you persevere through each stage of purification, you become simple, which means you become totally for God. You live solely to give Him glory. Self-love dies through a slow and laborious process, and the beauty of God's simplicity begins to radiate in the soul.

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the interior crucifixion of the heart, mind, faculties, and emotions. Glory to God on earth for the few that reach this summit of holiness as one with Mary.

Remain persevering in the silence of body, mind, soul, and heart, and you, and the few who follow My Path of holiness, will shine as God's brilliant stars during these end times. Persevere in silence! 9/2/23

Living in the inner chamber of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, consumed in His desolation, is fertile ground to become simple as Mary is simple. In the previous message, Jesus mentions five specific ways in which Mary lived solely for God, which is simplicity. Ponder each of the five ways Mary lived simplicity in relation to your own life. Where are you seeing growth in your own life, and which points are the ones you need to focus on for further growth in this essential virtue?

1. *She lived in good times and very difficult times in perfect love and gratitude to Abba Father.*

- The Bible emphasizes that living in a state of gratitude, especially during challenges and sufferings, is God's Will for us. For example:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

James 1:2-3 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Romans 5:3-4 "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

- What difficulty are you living with, or have you recently lived with? Are you able to live it in love and continuous gratitude? If not, why?

2. *She performed every duty as Mother and wife for the glory of God.*

- The Bible frequently addresses the ordinary aspects of life, emphasizing diligence and faithfulness in daily tasks. In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul instructs believers:

"Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being, for the Lord and not for men, because you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

This passage underscores the value of ordinary work when done with a heart devoted to God.

- God uses the ordinary to confound human expectations and glorify Himself.
1 Corinthians 1:27-29 "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the

lowly and despised things of the world, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast in His presence."

Mary on June 13th, 2009, spoke to us of the power of God contained in the vocation of motherhood:

Mary: We will use your hidden lives, lived in Jesus crucified, to aid in the renewal of the Church, the sanctification of priests, and the salvation of many souls. You will be the hidden force that raises up my army of holy priests. These are the priests who will usher in the reign of my Immaculate Heart, a new Pentecost for the Church. The ways of God are not the ways of the world. He will use the vocation of motherhood, united in me, to bring new life to the Church. Know that the most ordinary tasks of motherhood, lived in sacrificial love, please greatly the Father. He will use these simple and generous mothers, united to me, to renew the Church. This is the power of the Cross: souls united to Love Crucified solely to love Jesus as He has loved you. This is the love that will transform the world.

- Are you living your daily ordinary duties of life continuously for the glory of God? The *Simple Path* of God has revealed to us the hidden power in the most tedious, ordinary of our day, performed with love united to Jesus' sacrifice of love.

3. *She loved and served Me in the continuous awareness that I Am the Son of God, one with the Father.*

- The Gospels are filled with examples of how Jesus served others, as one with the Father, for He came to reveal to us the Father's love. His ultimate example of service was laying down His life for us. Mark 10:45 says:

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mary loved Jesus perfectly as one with His victim love, and she served Him by accompanying Him to the Cross and laying down her life with His for love of us, her children.

- Are you able to serve your spouse, children, family members, community members, co-workers, etc., in the awareness that you are serving Christ? Has this Biblical truth in Mark 10:45 become the reality of your ordinary daily life?

4. *Continuous prayer of awe and gratitude*

- "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- The word "praise" appears 23 times in 19 messages, and the word "gratitude" appears 34 times in 28 messages. Has the prayer of praise and gratitude become your every breath, your way of life? If not, why?

5. *She was perfectly obedient to His (Holy Spirit) every stirring within her being.*

- The Bible teaches us that obedience to the Holy Spirit is fundamental in a Christian's life. The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in the sanctification and empowerment of believers.¹

The Spirit's role as a teacher and guide necessitates a response of obedience from believers. John 14:26, Jesus promises, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you."²

Throughout Scripture, there are numerous examples of individuals who obeyed the Holy Spirit. In Acts 8:29, Philip is directed by the Spirit to approach the Ethiopian eunuch: "The Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to that chariot and stay by it.'" Philip's obedience leads to the eunuch's conversion and baptism.³

Similarly, in Acts 13:2, the early church demonstrates corporate obedience: "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" The church's response to the Spirit's direction results in the successful missionary journeys of Paul and Barnabas.⁴

Our Blessed Mother was the most perfect example of a human being who was perfectly obedient to the Holy Spirit, and therefore, Jesus gives us His Mother to help teach and form us to be also perfectly docile and obedient to the Holy Spirit.

- Have you come to know and love the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, active in your life? Has He become your Divine closest Companion in whom you seek His guidance, help, encouragement, and light through constant prayer to Him? *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*" (Luke 11:13) Is seeking the Holy Spirit your continuous daily groan within your heart?

¹ https://biblehub.com/topical/o/obedience_to_the_holy_spirit.htm

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid