

Men of Action: In Our Families

Goal: Responding to God's Promptings in Our Lives

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are great, You are almighty.
Thank You for giving us the desire and the heart to be here.
May You be here to guide our conversation and allow us be open to You.
May we recognize the the life of Jesus and model our lives like Him.
May we recognize each others' lives to help support our growth, to be here for one another and to have confidence in our fraternity.
Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts and minds in this time.
Amen

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.
When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.
Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.
At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full. '

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.
When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe. '
Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back. '
But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt.
Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'
Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.
So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

Reread in silence and reflect on the words in these readings.

Revelation (*what stands out*):

Interpretation (*what does the revelation mean for you today*):

Men of Action: In Our Families

Application (how to use/ apply it to current life situation): _____

Discussion

1) In silence (for 3-4minutes), pray for a family member(s) who may in need of God's healing touch. If comfortable, share and offer intentions for this person. _____

2) Beyond our immediate family, what opportunities exist to be a spiritual leader in a larger familia circle? _____

Action Items

1. For the upcoming week, reach out to a family member to simply ask how they are doing and any way you can help support them (does not have to be spiritual centered)
2. Continue to offer prayers for the tenants of Piety, Study, and Action in your life

Announcements/ Upcoming Events

June 7-8: 1st Friday 24hr Adoration @ SJP2

- Jim Fenske playing @ 5:30

June 10: Journey through John (via Hallow app)

- 21 day guided challenge

June 20: Camp I Am Special

- Please sign up to volunteer

Bishop Baron: (used in homilies and in the Visitation 2nd Joyful Mystery in Hallow)

We hear Mary proceeded in haste to the hill country of Judea to see Elizabeth. Why did she go with such speed and such purpose? Because she had found her mission - her role in the *theo-drama* (theological drama).

We are dominated today by the *Ego-drama* and all of its ramifications and its implications. The *ego-drama* is the play that I'm writing, I'm producing, I'm directing, and above all that I am starring in. We see this absolutely everywhere in our culture - freedom of choice reigns supreme. I become the person I choose to be. But the *theo-drama* is the great story being told by God, the great

Men of Action: In Our Families

play being directed by God. What makes life thrilling is to discover your role in that drama. This is precisely what has happened to Mary. She's found her role in the *theo-drama*.