

REKINDLE THE PASSION

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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To rekindle the love for God is to fan the flame of passion for God, for He has given us the Spirit of power, love and self-discipline" (2 Tim.1:6-7). Let us, then, rekindle the passion for life with God for He is the source of everything we have, and we should live for God alone.

A. The Meaning of Rekindle

1. REKINDLE means "re" to repeat what we have done before, while "kindle" is to set again on fire our heart in our life. Life in Latin word is VITA which means:

V - vitality

I - identity

T- transformation

A - action

2.Vitality is the quality of possessing a living faith. It is re-energizing: regaining the strength, the power and the zeal. The first time we experienced His calling we shed tears and felt His presence. Consequently, we could recall the answered prayers, blessings and graces we received. Hence, as we recall this unlimited bounty given to us, we are duty bound to share this to others as witness of God's goodness.

3.Identity is the ability to know ourselves as our identity is aligned to the image of God, so let us reclaim it. God knows us more than we know ourselves. Let us, then, value our identity and honor it since we are made in the image of God.

4.Transformation is to transcend. Mother Mary who transcended when she conceived Jesus never complained nor questioned the consequences when she accepted the role as the mother of God. Let us then transform our wicked or sinful ways so that we can achieve our life to the fullest. Through this heroic act, we will be in a state of grace.

5. Action is to rekindle our God-given purpose. We have a mission to help others and at the same time to evangelize by telling our own story of trials which eventually turned into triumphs. Thus, faith without action is dead. (Jam. 2:26).

B. Let us examine our conscience. Have we meditated the importance of rekindling our love and our duty as Christians to be a living witness and to share to others what God has done for us?

Conclusion:

Let us go back and recall the call of God to revitalize our zeal and spiritual vitality. Our life is a life of service to Him. We all have a sublime mission to be a channel of blessings and share Jesus Christ to others to receive a thousand-fold for what we have done. We do not have to do extraordinary things. Household chores, fasting, penance, confession, holy mass, communion and act of charity are all manifestations of love for God and others. If we do these for love and offer as a sacrifice to Him, we are pleasing in the eyes of God. Let us rekindle the fire to invite others to come closer to God and savor the richness of His glory.

Reflection:

1. Do you have the vitality and zeal of your faith in God?
2. Do you know how to transcend your pain and sorrow into joy and contentment?
3. What are your actions to rekindle your love and service to the Lord?

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