



FOURTH DAY LIFE



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why didn't anyone want to fight Goliath?

They thought it was a giant ordeal.

VDC Coed weekend # 41 is almost here!

Please continue praying for Pilgrims and Team as they prepare for our first weekend in 2 years!

DONT FORGET! A great way you can help support your Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo is by giving while you shop. Connect your Amazon account to the VDC Amazon Smile account to earn money for VdC



VERSE OF THE MONTH

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5

FUNDRAISING

As always, fundraising opportunities are available through AmazonSmile and Fry's Food stores

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MAKE A FRIEND.
BE A FRIEND.
BRING THAT
FRIEND TO
CHRIST

Faith
OVER
Fear
Psalm 118:6



What a friend we have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake
you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.



Faith

Prayers of the Month

Any prayer concerns can be sent to
soazviadecristo@gmail.com

You can list them as anonymous or you can say
who they are for or from
, let's also continue to pray for everyone. We
can all use each other's prayers. Pray for
friends, strangers you haven't met yet and
even those you will never meet.

Reflection: John 15:5

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The Lord compared us to the branches and compared Himself to the vine. Our relationship with the Lord is like the relationship between the vine branches and the vine. Away from the vine, the branches will lose the supply of life and then wither and die. From this we can see that the Lord is the source of our life and that it is very important to maintain a proper relationship with God. Only by constantly living before God to have a normal relationship with God can we gain the supply of God's life and bear the fruit of life. Conversely, if we often stray far from God, cling to the world, and live in the enjoyment of the flesh and material benefits, but seldom read God's words or pray to Him, then we will have no proper relationship with Him, nor will we have the work of the Holy Spirit. Our life will wither. This is equivalent to the branches withering after being away from the vine.

So, how can we establish a proper relationship with God? I read two passages from a spiritual book, "People believe in God, love God, and satisfy God by touching the Spirit of God with their heart, thereby obtaining His satisfaction; when engaging with God's words with their heart, they are therefore moved by the Spirit of God. If you wish to achieve a proper spiritual life and establish a proper relationship with God, you must first give your heart to Him, and quiet your heart before Him. Only after you have poured your whole heart into God can you gradually develop a proper spiritual life.

"If you want to have a proper relationship with God, your heart must turn to God... When one does not give his heart to God, his spirit becomes obtuse, it becomes numb and unconscious. This kind of person will never understand God's words and will never have a proper relationship with God; this kind of person will never change their disposition. ... When you are able to give your heart to God, you will be able to perceive every subtle moving within your spirit, and you will know every enlightenment and illumination received from God. Hold onto this, and you will gradually enter into the path of being perfected by the Holy Spirit. The quieter your heart can be before God, the more sensitive and delicate your spirit will be, and the more your spirit will be able to perceive the moving of the Holy Spirit, and then your relationship with God will become more and more proper."

From these words we can see: If we want to establish a proper relationship with God, we must give our hearts to Him and often quiet our hearts before Him. Of our whole beings, it is our heart that God places great stock in. Just as the Bible says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). God is a Spirit. Only with our hearts can we connect with His Spirit and establish a proper relationship with Him. If we want to give our hearts to God, first we should often come before God and have real prayer with God: speaking our hearts' words to Him, truly entrusting our difficulties to God, and asking for His guidance and arrangements, instead of making prayers that are not sincere or prayers of a religious ritual.

This is what it means to have a normal relationship with God.