**COURAGE**

**The virtue of the Single-Hearted**

Part 1

1/12/23

*Enter this New Year with great zeal and courage, with perfect faith believing in God's power hidden in His little innocent victim souls. 12/26/22*

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Courage

*Courage, My little one, is the virtue of the single-hearted. Courage can be lived for righteousness or evil, for Satan has courageous souls that fight for his cause.*

*God's courageous souls come to love Him above all. They come to know His goodness as they live consumed in Me through the Holy Spirit. These souls have come to touch Me and to be touched by Me. They live pure intimacy in My crucified embrace.*

*To live courageous lives daily in your ordinary lives requires first, growth in humility, the humility of knowing your misery, and trusting in My merciful love. The humility of a pure heart that is able to see My gaze of love in sorrows. This grace of the encounter of a soul with God perfects the soul with the inner strength needed to battle daily her ego with all its desires and attachments solely to desire Me. This is living single-hearted, solely for love of Me.*

*I have taught you, through My Simple Path, to suffer all with Me, thus teaching your inner gaze to remain on Me and not on self. Perseverance in this daily practice brings forth the transformation of the heart with the supernatural grace souls will need to live as My witnesses (martyrs). This is courage.*

*Courage is the act of obedience to My Will. Obedience is always lived through the “yes” that requires courage and moves through the many fears all humans have. I manifested My obedience to the Father as I moved through My fears with the courage of perfect love.* (Mt 26:39)

*Mary too lived her life on earth single-hearted- she lived to do the Father's Will. Therefore, she lived perfect courage revealed in her Fiat to the Angel at the Annunciation; her perfect Fiat in her hidden ordinary life; her Fiat during My passion; her Fiat at the Cross when she courageously offered Me to the Father as His perfect sacrifice of love for humanity; and finally, her Fiat to remain on earth in her bitter solitude solely for love of God and each of you. Her courage in her perfect obedience to God's Will was My consolation and strength as I was to her.*

*I have united you (plural) as My little mustard seed, so you will help one another live courageous lives in My Holy Will. Thank God for each other because this great gift is needed during the time of persecution to help you remain faithful and not cave into fear.*

*Have courage for God is with you!*

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“In religion and politics alike, leadership will return when a man will not be afraid to make enemies because he loves God above all things.” Archbishop Fulton Sheen

**What does it mean to be Single-Hearted?**

Jesus is teaching us that courage is the virtue of the single-hearted. These are men and women who love God above all else in their lives, including spouses, children, careers, parents, etc.

*God's courageous souls come to love Him above all. 1/9/23*

The single-hearted come to live and strive daily to live the words of Scripture:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30, (Dt 6:5, 10:12, 11:13, 13:3, Mt 22:37, Lk 10:27)

Being single-hearted means that our whole being finds its meaning in relationship with God, who is Love. Being single-hearted means that we attend to all other relationships and obligations in light of that one central relationship with Christ.

The sixth beatitude says, “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God” (Mt 5:8). The Greek term “katharos” means to be without admixture, or to be simply one thing, to be single-hearted.

Jesus’ Words in the Gospels continuously challenge us to be single-hearted, placing God first in our lives:

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Mt 6:24

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,** and all these things shall be yours as well.” Mt 6:30-33

Courage requires “intimacy” with Christ crucified in which we come to know personally His “goodness.”

The effect of Christianity is always to simplify, to make single. Sin always introduces complications. Adam and Eve, in Genesis 3, sinned against God and then hid from Him. Their relationship with God is no longer single-hearted, simple, but becomes distant and complicated.

Desiring solely the Cross is simplicity of the single-hearted:

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*…It is through My crucified gaze that you will desire to be One with The Victim of Love, in which you will* ***desire solely the Cross****, in which you will desire the salvation of all your brothers and sisters and forget yourself, in which you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit to lay down your life as My sacrifice of love for the salvation of many.*

**The Gift of the *Simple Path to Union with God***

“And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” Deuteronomy 30:6

The *Simple Path* makes us single-hearted, loving God above all by bringing us face-to-face with our self-love. The *Simple Path* brings us to the self-knowledge that we love ourselves more than God. This is our misery, and this knowledge is the foundation of true humility.

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Notice in the teaching from our Lord on 1/18/12, concerning the five stones for the battle that courage is the fifth stone. Courage comes after humility, purity, simplicity, and trust. To become courageous men and women warriors, we need to undergo intense training in all these virtues.

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Samuel 17: 32-51

Approach this evil in the same way that David approached Goliath

*...First, the stone of* ***humility****, possessing the perfect knowledge of your nothingness and My power and majesty. Second, the stone of* ***purity****, purity of mind, heart, intention, word, desire... Third,* ***simplicity****, detached from all, most especially your ego. Fourth,* ***trust*** *perfectly abandoned to My Will—fifth,* ***courage****, courage rooted in love of Me to be perfectly obedient to My commands.*

The *Simple Path* into Christ crucified is the journey into the deepest recesses of our hearts to allow God to “circumcise our hearts” as we discover our wounds, brokenness, lies we have come to believe about ourselves and God, our disorders, and all the darkness and evil that is hidden underneath many layers of falsehood, so that we can love God above all else.

The *Simple Path* forms us in the mystery of suffering revealed through Christ as the suffering Messiah, the “man of sorrows” (Is 53). God helps us discover the truths about Divine love, which are contained in Scripture but remain hidden in the Mystery of the Cross and of suffering.

“For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer (leader) of their salvation perfect through suffering.” Heb 2:10

“Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.” Heb 5:8

Through the *Simple Path*, Christ teaches us how to suffer ALL with Him so that we can become ONE with Him.

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Therefore, we need to possess the courage to invest well the gold coin of great value that God has entrusted to His little mustard seed, *The Simple Path to Union with God*:

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You have been given the gold coin of My Simple Path to Union with Me

Jesus, after I read Lk 19:11-28 (gold coins)

*My little one, you have been given the gold coin of My Simple Path to Union with Me. This is a very valuable coin because it contains the mystery of Divine Love found in and through the Cross. You have invested this coin through your dedication to years of teaching and living My Path. You have shown great courage in proclaiming My Words…*

The most courageous act in our lives is that of opening our hearts wide to God to allow the Sword of the Spirit to cut through our pride, arrogance, self-love, and self-will that make up our hardness of heart and have turned us into distorted and complicated men and women. This work takes great courage! The fruit of the few courageous souls that undergo it is transformation into God!

It takes great courage to choose to love daily those most difficult to love and to always choose love, patience, and tenderness and never give in to anger and resentment. This is the courage of the daily martyrdom of the heart.

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Expansion of the Tent of your Hearts

*My daughter, the way of the Cross is a lonely path because few walk this path. You, LC, are called to lead many on this path that leads to new life…*

*The love of God will stretch your love beyond your physical capacities. The expansion of the tent of your hearts is a most painful process. You have to choose to love those most difficult to love. You must always choose love, patience, and tenderness and never give in to anger and resentment… My children climb the steps of My feet, My side, My Heart to reach the gaze of My crucified eyes. It is My gaze that will pierce your hearts and heal all pride, self-love, and vanity. It is My gaze that will awaken your hearts to love Love Itself. It is through My crucified gaze that you will find the courage to continue in the path of life. It is through My crucified gaze that you will receive the revelations of the mystery of suffering, which is the mystery of love.*