

OUR PEARL OF GREAT PRICE



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ST JAMES

Procedamus in pace! (Latin for 'Let us proceed in peace'). Carrying the ancient symbol of the pilgrim, the scallop shell, pilgrims set off to the tomb of St James in Northern Spain. The scallop shell (along with the cross) forms our CBE logo and speaks to our sacred journey in education.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE RE TEACHER

“Remind me in countless ways, as I walk the sunlit hours of this day, that I am on a sacred journey along with the stars traveling through space, that I am on a **pilgrim** path.” “Grant me the grace to look with respect upon all I will meet this day and upon every event I encounter.

LIFE IS DIFFICULT. THIS IS A GREAT TRUTH, ONE OF THE GREATEST TRUTHS. IT IS A GREAT TRUTH BECAUSE WHEN WE TRULY SEE THIS TRUTH WE TRANSCEND IT. ONCE WE TRULY KNOW THAT LIFE IS DIFFICULT, ONCE WE TRULY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT IT, THEN LIFE IS NO LONGER DIFFICULT. BECAUSE ONCE IT IS ACCEPTED, THE FACT THAT LIFE IS DIFFICULT NO LONGER MATTERS.

- M. SCOTT PECK -

There once was an oyster whose story I'll tell --
Who found that some sand had slipped under his shell.
Just one little grain --but it gave him much pain --
For oysters have feelings --although they're quite plain.

Now did he berate the working of fate --
Which had led him to such a deplorable state?
No! He said to himself, as he lay on the shelf,
"If I can't remove it --I'll try to improve it."

So, the years rolled by as years always do,
And he came to ultimate destiny --stew!
But the small grain of sand which had bothered him so --
Was a beautiful pearl all richly aglow.

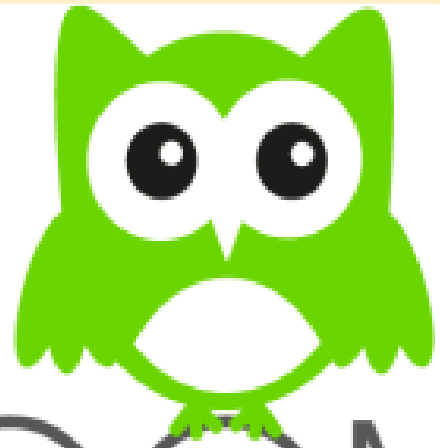
Now this tale has a moral for isn't it grand --
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do -- if we'd only begin
To enrich all those things that get under our skin.

- Anon.









CLASSROOM OF **HOPE**

**IT IS WHO THE TEACHER IS THAT
TEACHES**

**THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RESTLESSNESS IN
THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND WE TRY VARIOUS
WAYS TO SILENCE IT – SOMETIMES WITH
UNHEALTHY CONSEQUENCES. BUT THE
HUMAN PERSON MADE IN THE IMAGE OF
GOD, HAS INFINITE CAPACITY.**

**YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELVES, O
LORD, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS
UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.**

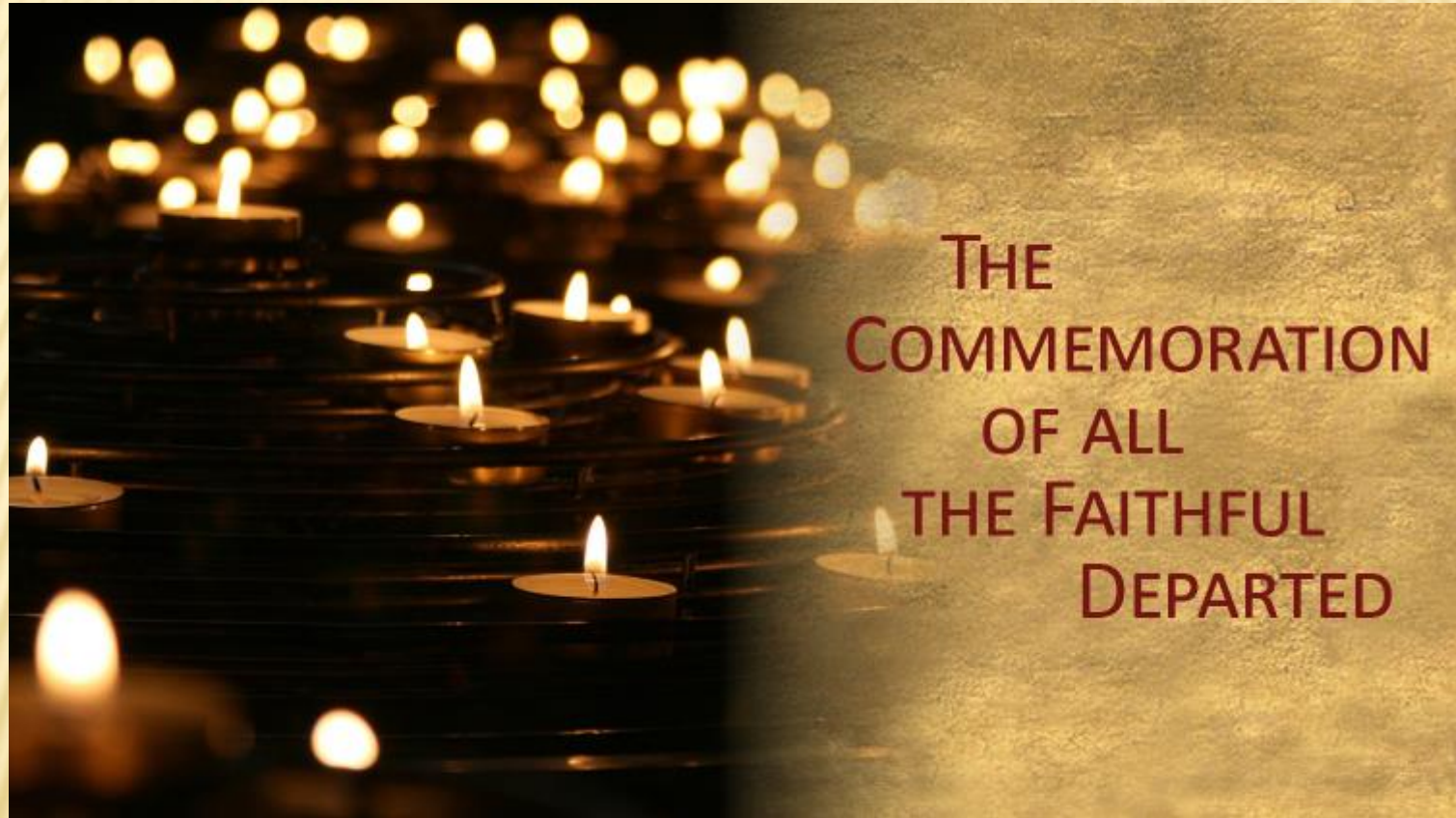
ST AUGUSTINE



*Standing
on the
shoulders*



RE-MEMBER



THE
COMMEMORATION
OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED

What does being a transforming presence mean to me?

*The wings of transformation are born
of patience and struggle.*

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What do I need to attend to? Personal reflection



WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS NOT HUMAN DOINGS





SS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

And Jesus' words to Martha are the words he wants to speak to your heart and mine: "You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed." The "one thing" is not found in doing more. It's found by sitting at his feet.

– Joanna Weaver

Let us allow ourselves to be 'infected' by
St. Joseph's silence! We need it greatly, in
a world that is often too noisy, that does
not favour meditation or listening to the
voice of God.

– Pope Benedict XVI



Who will accompany on my journey?

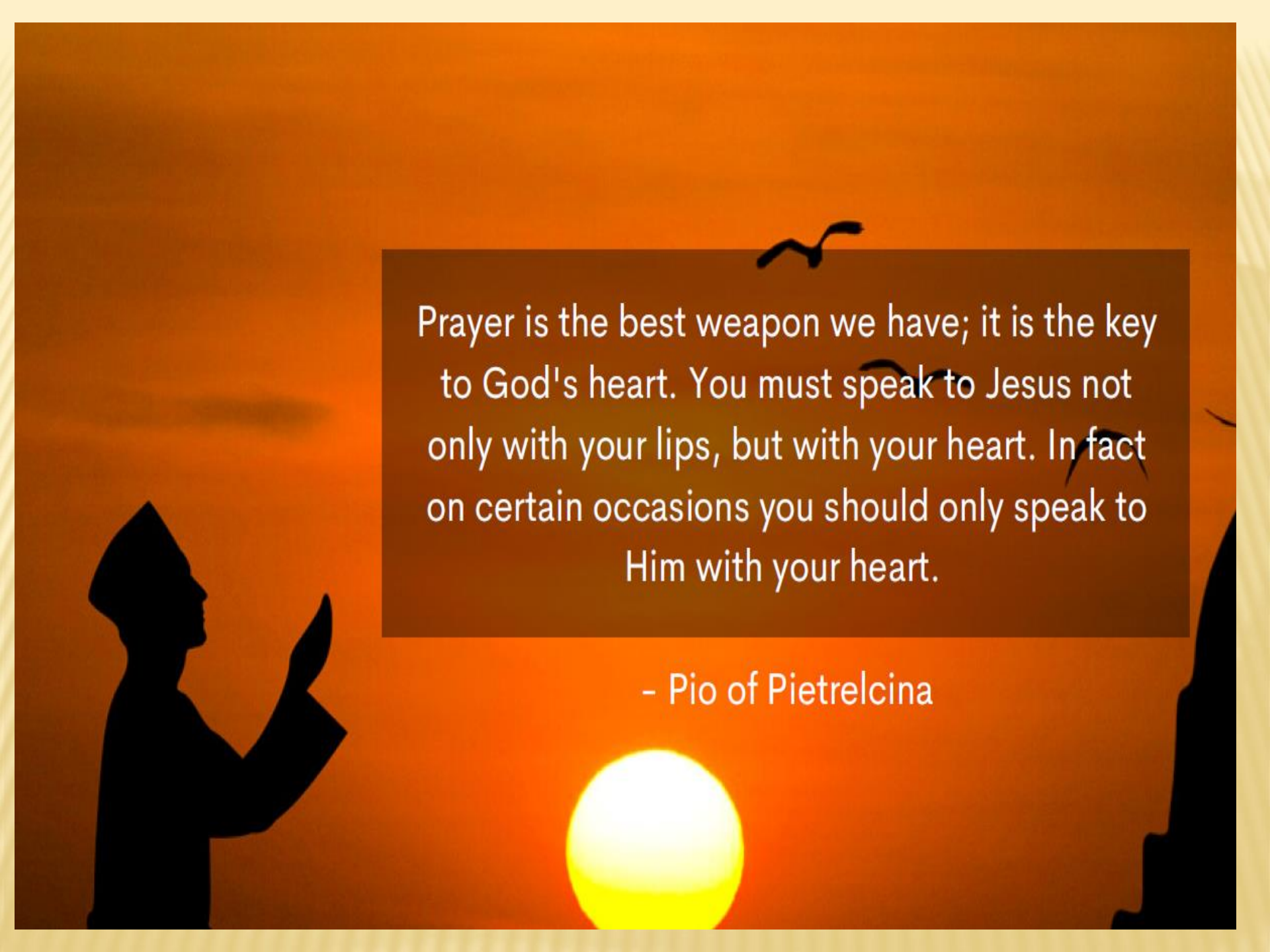






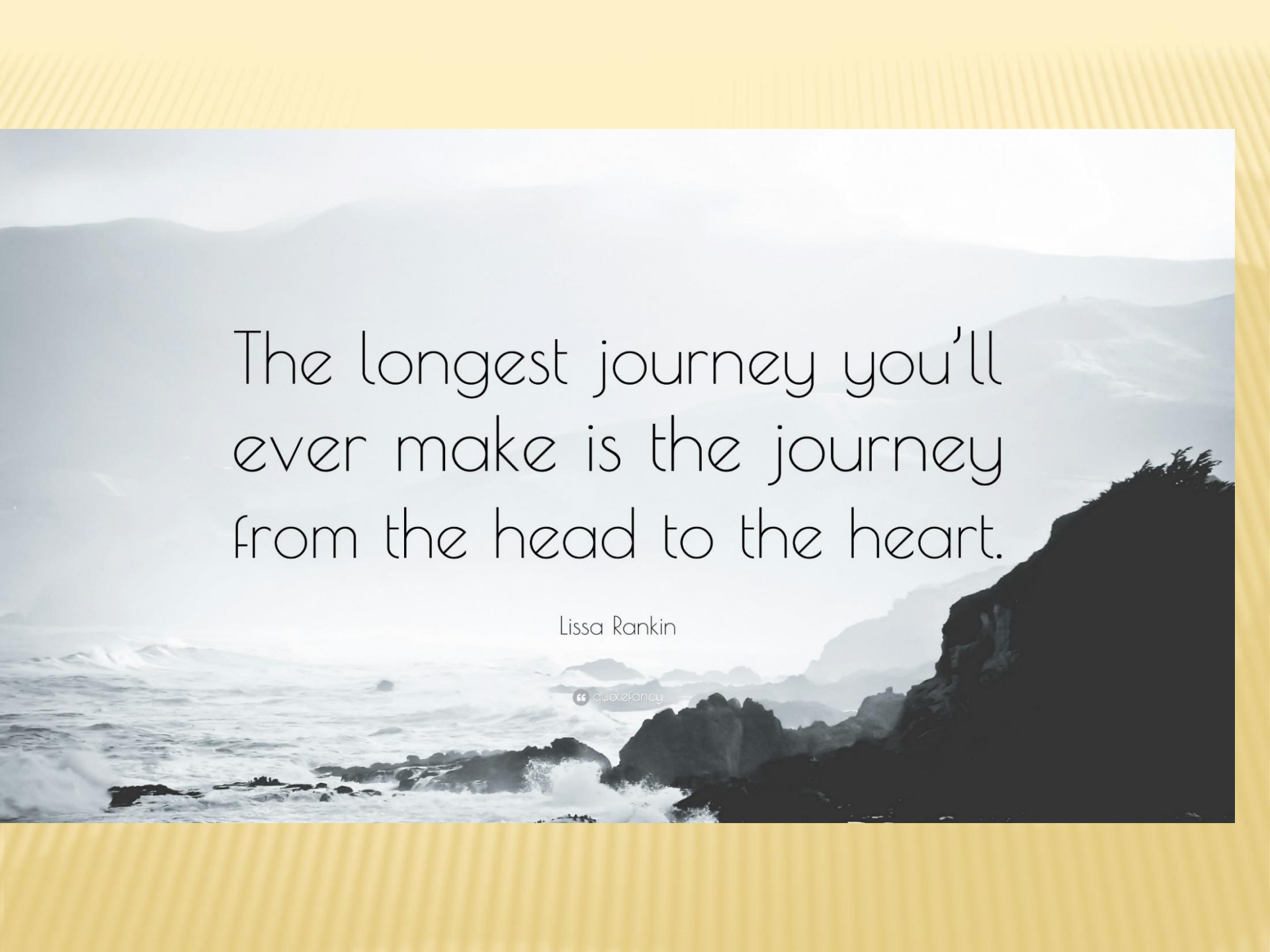




The background of the entire image is a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise. A large, bright yellow sun is positioned at the bottom center. On the left side, there is a black silhouette of a person wearing a pointed hat, shown in profile with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer. Several black silhouettes of birds are scattered across the upper half of the image, appearing to fly against the sky.

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key
to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not
only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact
on certain occasions you should only speak to
Him with your heart.

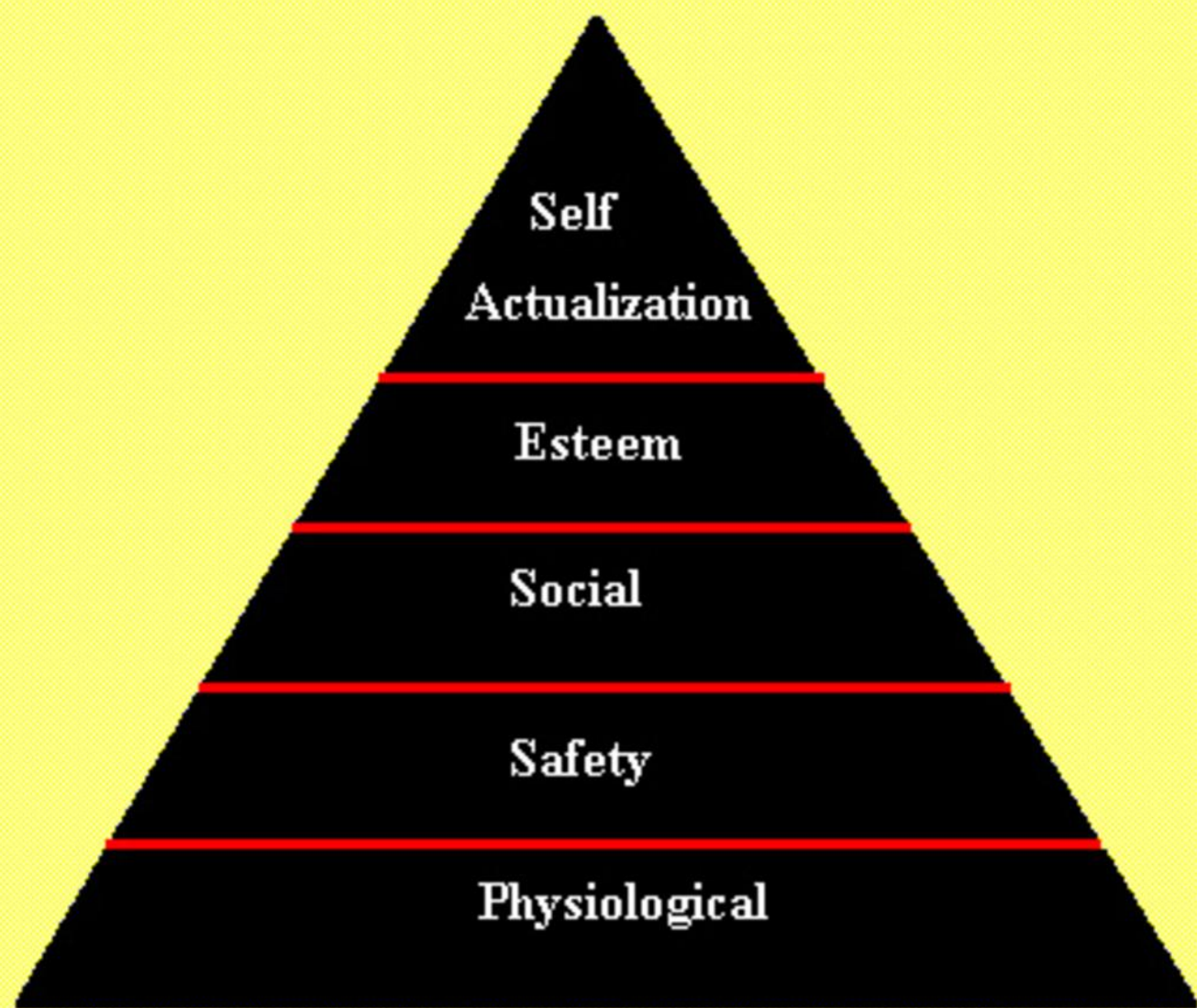
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The longest journey you'll
ever make is the journey
from the head to the heart.

Lissa Rankin

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(Abraham Maslow, Motivation and Personality, 1954)

James Fowler – stages of faith

- A series of **stages of faith development** was proposed by Professor James W. Fowler, a developmental psychologist at Candler School of Theology, in the book *Stages of Faith*. This book-length study contains a framework and ideas, which have generated a good deal of response from those interested in religion
- It proposes a staged development of faith (or spiritual development) across the life span. It is closely related to the work of Piaget, Erikson, and Kohlberg regarding aspects of psychological development in children and adults

CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT IN THE WORLD



WATCH THE 22 MINUTE VIDEO

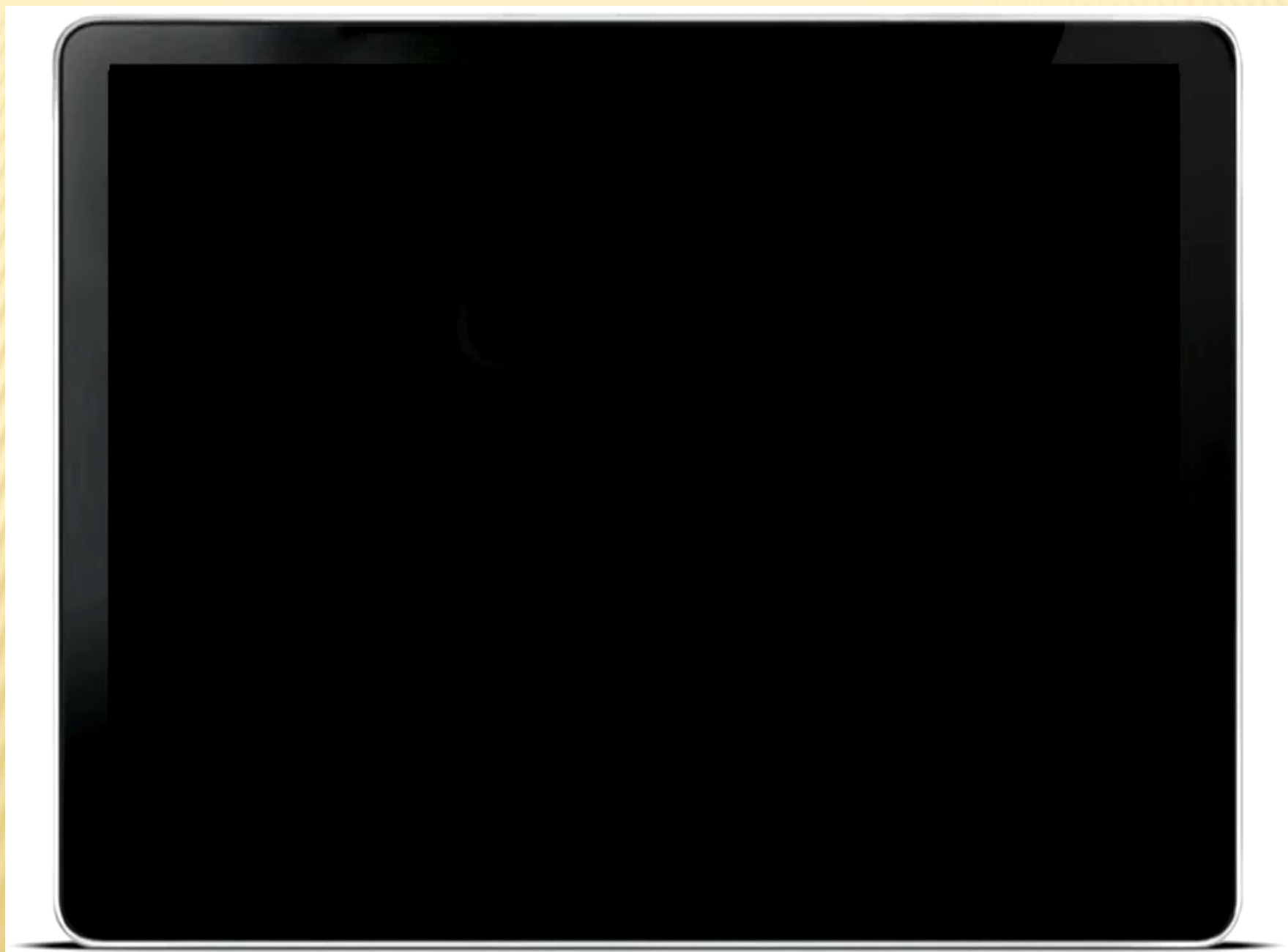
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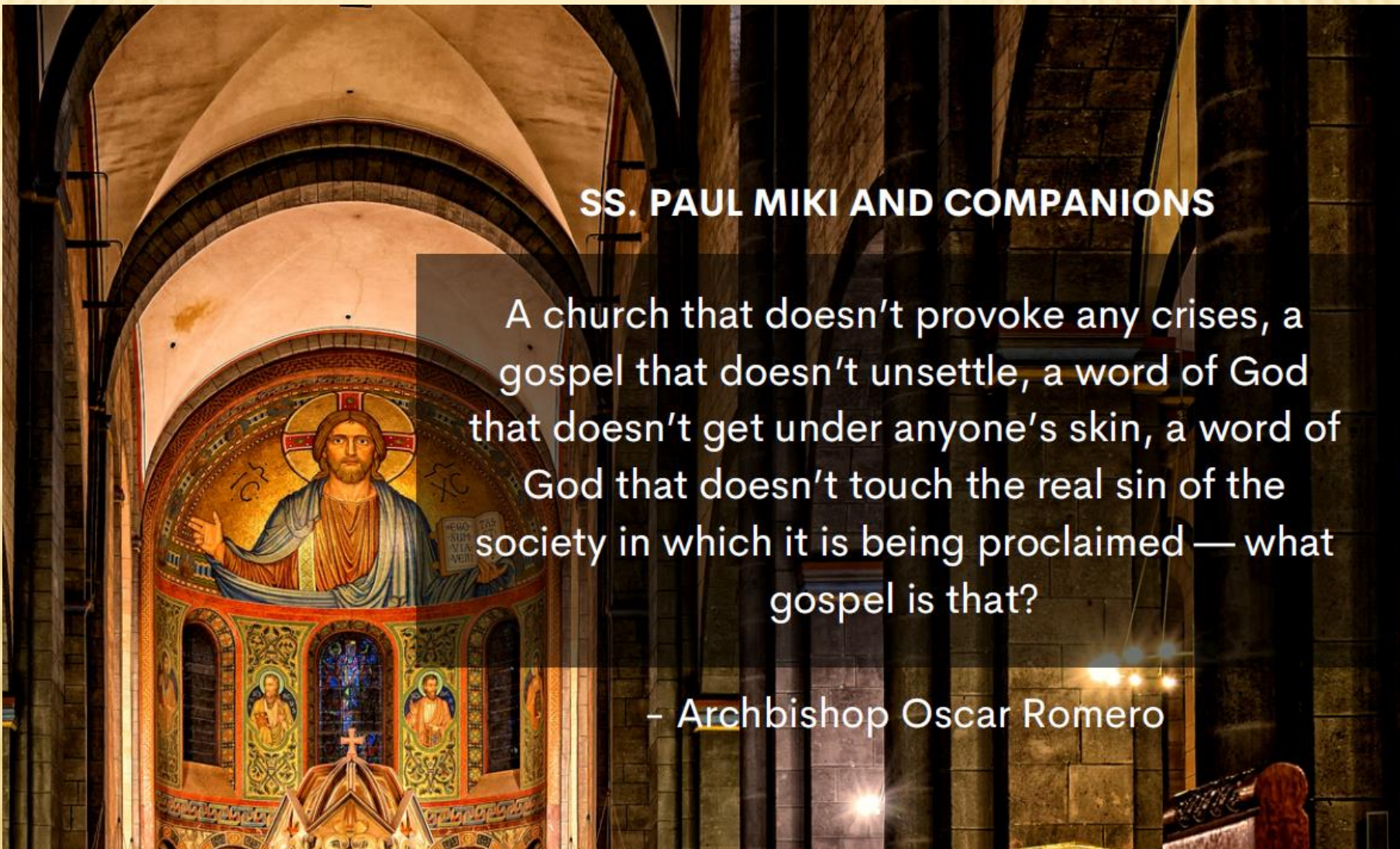
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ATTITUDE FOR GRATITUDE

**TO BE GRATEFUL IS TO RECOGNIZE
THE LOVE OF GOD IN EVERYTHING
HE HAS GIVEN US
– AND HE HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING.**

THOMAS MERTON



The background image shows the interior of a church, specifically the apse. A large, colorful mosaic of Jesus Christ is the central focus, depicting him with a halo, wearing a blue robe over a red garment, and holding a book. The mosaic is set within a semi-circular arch. Below the main mosaic are smaller, ornate niches containing other religious figures. The church's architecture features dark stone columns and arches, with warm lighting creating a solemn atmosphere.

SS. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed — what gospel is that?

– Archbishop Oscar Romero

MICAH CHALLENGE



To act justly,
to love tenderly,
and to walk
humbly with your God.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

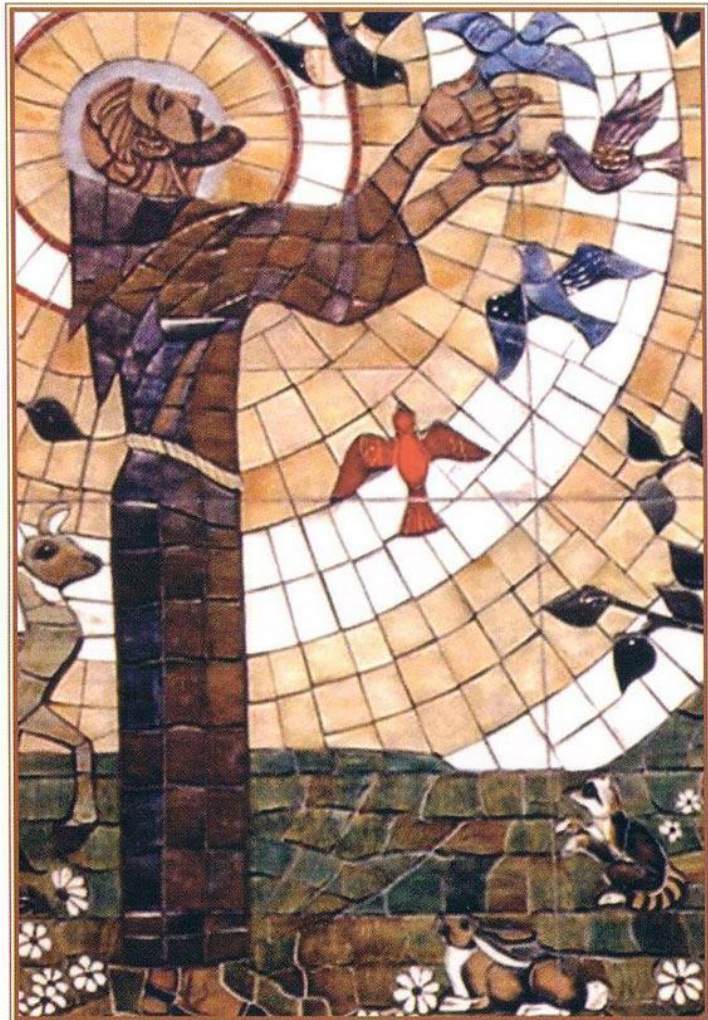
1. Life and respect for human dignity
2. Call to family, community, and participation
3. Rights and responsibilities
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable
5. The dignity of work and rights of workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's creation

THE ART OF COMPASSION



ON-GOING FORMATION AND LEARNING





Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen





To thrive in life you need
three bones. A wishbone. A
backbone. And a funny bone.

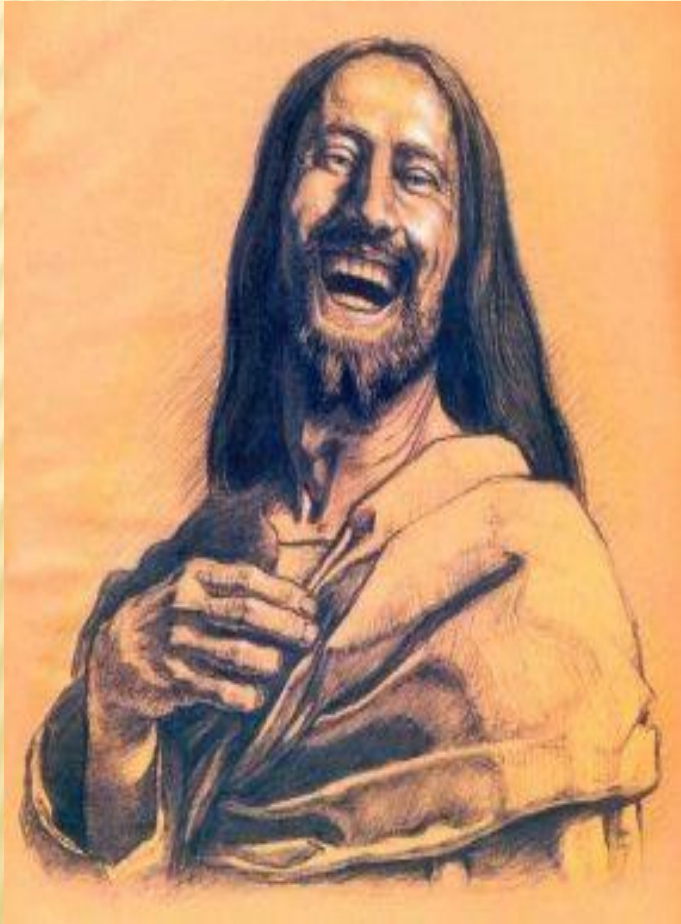
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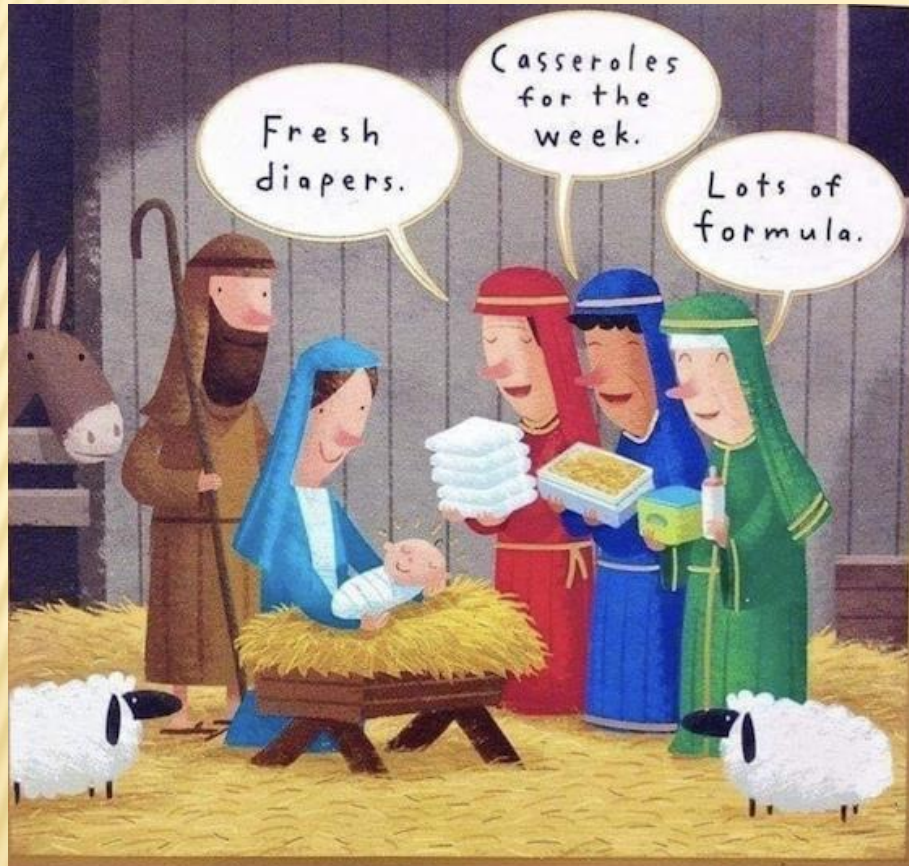
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HUMOUR





After the Three Wise Men left,
the Three Wiser Women arrived.



WE HAVE OTHER WAYS OF
FILLING THE VATICAN'S
COFFERS, YOUR HOLINESS!
THAT REALLY ISN'T
NECESSARY!



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The little guy in blue will change
your mood



AS WE ARE ABLE



The Serenity Prayer

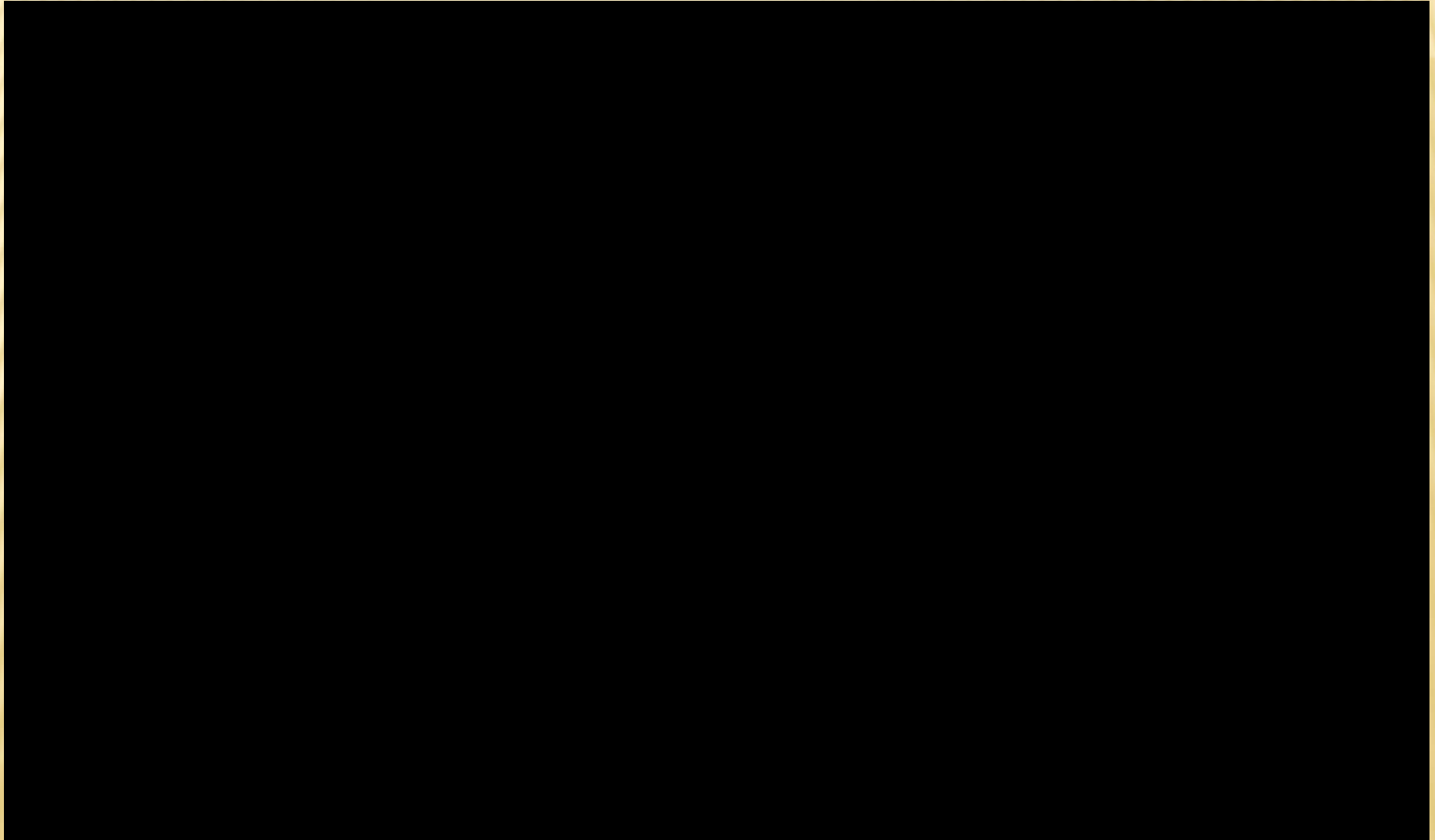
God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot
change;
courage to change the things I
can;
and wisdom to know the
difference.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

May those that love us, love us, & for those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts, and if he can't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles so we know them by their limping.



Bloemfontein's Children's Choir



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