

TRUST

(second part)

“Whoever trusts in My mercy will not perish, since all his problems are Mine”

(Diary 723)

WEEK SIX

The TRUST issue is such of paramount importance, that we have decided to dedicate a second week on this theme. You see, if you don't trust God, how can you expect to be pardoned? Not that He will not pardon you, but you must request to be pardoned, and that can only be done, if you are really convinced that you are going to be pardoned just by a sincere asking. Until you that moment, you will not ask for pardon, that is for sure.

In fact, that sin against the Holy Spirit, which cannot be forgiven, is exactly that: Lack of trust in God. God cannot pardon you, if you are not convinced of that, because you will never ask for His forgiveness until that moment.

This six week's readings focus on Trust, the hallmark of the message of Divine Mercy., complementing the message in the 5th week.

Various quotes from the Scriptures, Catechism and Journal are used to emphasize the importance of letting God be in control of our daily life.

Holy scriptures:

Psalms: 56: 1-3

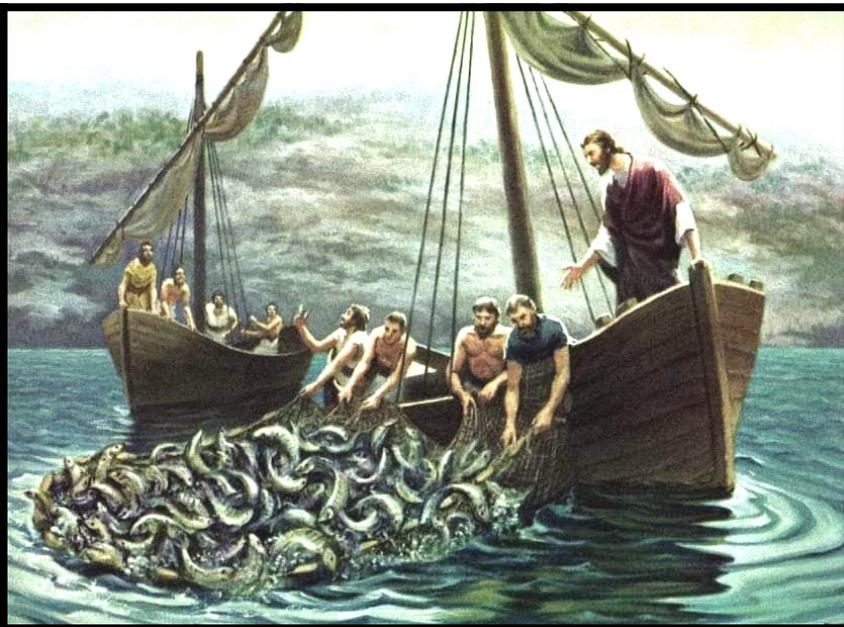
1 To the choirmaster. On «do not destroy». By Davide. Miktam.

2 Have mercy on me, O God, for man tramples me underfoot, an aggressor always oppresses me.

3 My enemies always trample me, many are those who fight me.

Proverbs: 3: 5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and don't lean on your intelligence;



Gospel of St. Luke: 5: 5-7

5 Simon replied, 'Master, we worked all night and caught nothing; but at your word I will cast the nets ». 6 And having done so, they caught a huge quantity of fish, and the nets broke. 7 Then they motioned to their companions in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats to the point that they nearly sank.

Catechism: ## 1820, 1821

1820 Christian hope develops, from the very beginning of Jesus' preaching, in the announcement of the beatitudes. The Beatitudes raise our hope towards heaven as towards the new promised land; they trace the path through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But thanks to the merits of Jesus Christ and his passion, God keeps us in the hope that "does not disappoint" (Rom 5:

5). Hope is the "anchor of our life, sure and firm, which penetrates [...]" there "where Jesus entered for us as a precursor" (Heb 6: 19-20). It is also a weapon that protects us in the battle of salvation: "We must be [...] clothed with the armor of faith and charity, having as our helmet the hope of salvation" (1 Thes 5,8). It gives us joy even in trial: "Happy in hope, strong in tribulation" (Rom 12:12). It is expressed and nourished in prayer, in a very particular way in the Lord's prayer, the synthesis of all that hope makes us desire.

1821 We can, therefore, hope for the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance everyone must hope, with the grace of God, to persevere to the end and obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for good works done with the grace of Christ. In hope the Church prays that "all men will be saved" (1 Tim 2: 4). She longs to be united to Christ, her Spouse, in the glory of heaven: «Hope, my soul, hope. You don't know the day or the hour. Watch attentively, everything passes in a flash, although your impatience may make uncertain what is certain, and for a very short time. Think that the more you fight, the more you will feel the love you have for your God and the more one day you will enjoy with your Beloved, in a happiness and ecstasy that can never end".

Now, let us meditate on the following points,

1. When in life should we turn things over to God and trust?
2. Why is trust easier for a humble person?
3. When do we need more trust?

Please note, that the reading of the following passages of the Diary of St. Faustina will help you on this task:

Diary ## 1074, 1578, 1452, 1797, 628, 1520

Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls." (Diary 1074)

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is my desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts (Diary 1578).

Soul: Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come. After these words, I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one. (Diary 1452)

Today, the Lord came to me and said, My daughter, help Me to save souls. You will go to a dying sinner, and you will continue to recite the chaplet, and in this way you will obtain for him trust in My mercy, for he is already in despair.

Suddenly, I found myself in a strange cottage where an elderly man was dying amidst great torments. All about the bed was a multitude of demons and the family, who were crying. When I began to pray, the spirits of darkness fled, with hissing and threats directed at me. The soul became calm and, filled with trust, rested in the Lord. (Diary 1797)

But she entreated me with tears in her eyes to ask Jesus if He had forgiven her and whether her confessions had been good or not..... "I know that the Lord Jesus speaks to you, Sister." Since she was clutching my hand and I could not wrench myself away, I promised her I would pray for her. In the evening, during Benediction, I heard these words in my soul: Tell her that her disbelief wounds My heart more than the sins she committed. (Diary 628)

Today the Lord said to me, I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death. (Diary 1520)



INVITATION

After you came up to an answer to these questions, you should by now understand that

- A deeper understanding of how trust and fear are incompatible.
- How pride can rob us of the virtue of trust, due to a lack of humility.
- Trust opens the doors to many graces, which we then radiate to other souls.