Day Twenty

Awakening to God’s Presence

Jesus Christ should be our model in all situations, at all times. Our likeness to him is the solid foundation of our journey to eternal glory. Yes, imitating Jesus is our duty. It is also our glory, the glory of one who is called and chooses to follow. It is the glory of aiming for the perfection of the one who is followed. To some degree, children recreate the qualities of parents. Admirers emulate the traits of the admired. Even if they are not always successful, their attempts reflect true desire to become something new. By calling us to imitate Jesus, God calls us to a great glory. Our happiness and our true joy depend on that imitation, both now and for eternity. We are blessed on earth. We become the recipients of God’s love, insofar as God sees in us, and in our daily lives and actions, the very image of Jesus Christ. At the end of life’s journey, we will be able to claim the joy of eternal life, if we are one with Jesus who lives within us.

Living by God’s Grace
Respond to God’s call.

Acknowledging God’s Gifts

May this night’s rest provide calm and quiet. I need calm and quiet to hear God’s call, to accept it, to respond to it, and to live it. Forgive the foibles of this passing day. Forgive me for forgetting or refusing to listen for the call, or for failing to act when I did hear it. Let those mistakes be lessons learned for whatever the future brings. Tomorrow will be a new chance for glory, another gift of time to live the call with which God has graced me. May I use that gift wisely, Lord. I want to know the glory that God promises. For this day, thank you. Bless this night. May tomorrow be a fresh beginning.

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