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FIDELITY OR BETRAYAL Being Whole Undivided With God – Our Choice

Fidelity is the relationship that exists between individuals. It is first and foremost about being Faithful, Keeping Promises and Always doing what is Right and/or Just in a Truthful way. Fidelity is steeped in the notion of Integrity. It is the quality of being honest, having strong moral principles and moral uprightness. Integrity always demands a personal choice to hold oneself to consistent moral and ethical standards.

Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.

Helen Kelle

Fidelity creates an atmosphere of Trustworthiness, Confidentiality, Showing Respect and Demonstrating Dignity for all concerned. Fidelity is the basis for a relationship with God.

To be faithful to one's family, organization, community, or country is an ideal to strive for. When we sign a contract, we make a commitment to honor the terms of the agreement. When we stand at the altar across from our future spouse the vows we repeat is our promise to remain at that person's side regardless what lies ahead. And should our nation fall under attack everyone is expected to do his or her part to defend our way of life.



Fidelity, though noble in principle, is under siege. Employees are caught selling trade secrets to the competition; husbands and wives abandon each other and their children; professional athletes "sell their souls" to the highest bidder; "cafeteria Christians" selectively choose which of the Ten Commandments works best for them; and rather than salute the flag, many students elect to trample on the very symbol that guarantees their freedom to learn.

To be faithful to one's obligations is to honor God. When children see their mom and dad doing what it takes to keep the family together, they have someone they can emulate when the time comes for them to raise a family. When employees see managers set the standard for hard work, integrity, and fairness, they have the tools they need to treat others as they themselves would like to be treated. When the team captain takes the lead to deal with adversity, his teammates have a role model to follow into battle, spiritual or otherwise. When community leaders have courage to remove political barriers, people rally around them. When a CEO chooses to sacrifice personal gain for the greater good of the firm, a standard has been set that will define the legacy of his leadership.

In the end, everything will be measured by how faithful one is to that "worthy purpose" Helen Keller spoke about. The choice is ours: Fidelity or Betrayal.

Let us consider the Wisdom of the Holy Scriptures and Catechism. May God give to each one of us the necessary means to complete His Gift of our Unique & Holy Mission.

2 Peter 1:5-7 - Fidelity is a Cornerstone

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and



steadfastness with godliness, and with godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Luke 16:10 - Fidelity to Self and God

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

The Gospel of the Lord - Verbum Domini

Catechism

2044 - Moral Life and Witness

The fidelity of the baptized is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the Gospel and for the Church's mission in the world. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. "The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the Faith and to God."

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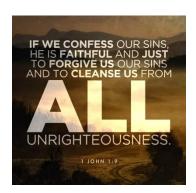


This Latin phrase meaning, "Always Faithful" is the popular motto of the United States Marine Corps. It is also the accepted motto for no fewer than 4 other military groups from around the globe. The call-to-action can also be found in the literature promoting a fraternity, an English soccer club, and a high school.

There is another group that "lives" the meaning 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Those gentlemen who watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are a special group of dedicated soldiers who follow rigid standards in the line of duty. They must meet certain height and weight limits, live two years in special accommodations beneath the tomb, avoid alcohol or swearing, and study the lives of those laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Their commitment to duty was best exemplified when Hurricane Isabelle approached the shores of Washington D.C. in 2003. City politicians and government workers took two days off to avoid the wrath of the storm. But when the tomb's guards were given permission to suspend their assignment, every man in the unit refused to abandon his post. Because of their fidelity to duty, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded around the clock for over 75 years.

Their example sets a very high bar for what it means to be faithful to one's obligations. And you can bet that these men will one day set the same high standards when they are called to lead others.



Questions for Discussion:

1. Can you recall a time in	n life when the choice	to be faithful proved to be a
rewarding decision? Or no	ot ostensibly pleasing	? Ever martyred? Explain.

2. Can you share an experience where you witnessed how fidelity overcame betrayal?



Men's Group Calendar
A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.



6/23/2018 Leadership Meeting 8 AM Sacred Heart Library

7/14/2018 Men's Group 7 AM Mass

7/28/2018 Leadership Meeting 8 AM Sacred Heart Library

8/11/2018 Men's Group 7 AM Mass

8/25/2018 Leadership Meeting 8 AM Sacred Heart Library

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Bring Christ into the Emptiness of Our Lives

- Spend time with Lord Jesus in Adoration. Silence fills the emptiness. Silence isn't an absence; it's presence.
- > Spend time with those who bring joy to life. Family, friends, church...
- Invite Christ into your relationships. Acknowledge His presence in every moment, whether you're alone or with others; pray together.
- Ask God for Deeper Trust. Doubting is OK if we bring it honestly to Him. He can & will use that to bring you to a place of Deeper Trust in Him.
- Just be in the emptiness, not running from it, not trying to fix or fill it. Letting Him love you and do the work He wants to do.
- Ask: What is Christ trying to teach me during this period of emptiness? How does He want me to grow from this experience?

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DO EVERYTHING
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THAT GOD IS IN
CONTROL

Fill the Emptiness of Life with Christ. Allow a place for Jesus to reside in your heart. Spend time with Jesus.

May God Bless You. St. Hilary Men's Group



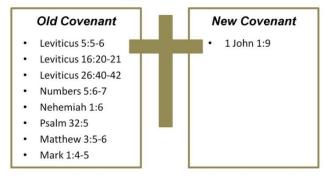
Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who you put into my life. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them peace and mercy. Where there is doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need and emptiness with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen

Confess to be Forgiven? Where is that in the Bible...



If we make it our habit to confess our sins, in His faithful righteousness he forgives us for those sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.



and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

GO TO CONFESSION. ILLUMINATE CHRIST.