



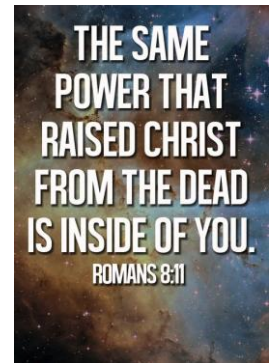
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## INTERVIEW WITH GOD

### Two Important Questions

In our Shared Historical Faith Experience, Dreams and the “Thin Space” between sleep and full consciousness has always been a place where in God speaks to his messengers, prophets, saints and...Ordinary People.

Did you ever dream of God? What did He say to you? What did you say to Him? What might you have wanted to ask?



A thin place is a place where the boundary between heaven and earth is especially thin. It is a place where we can sense the divine more readily. It is a place where you might find yourself saying, “God is especially present here” or “I can sense God’s presence here.”

A thin place is defined as a place where God’s presence is known with particular immediacy. Think of Mt. Sinai where the Lord God revealed his purpose and name to Moses, a unique, watershed moment in the history of human interaction with God.

And later at Sinai, God revealed his awesome power to the Israelites, and through Moses, established his Covenant and Law.

In our lives today, perhaps we are all witness to a Thin Space at Mass, especially at the Consecration of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Possibly, you experience a Thin Space in the Reservation Chapel, near the Tabernacle. Maybe a Thin Space was at the birth of your child. Daily Prayer? A heartfelt Confession?

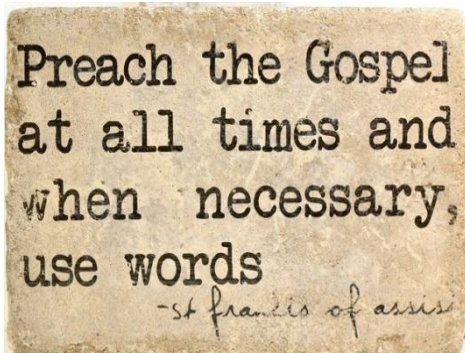
In any event, our presentation today is based upon a poem that has inspired millions of people around the world. Our purpose for this presentation is to show you through photos, music and written word the beauty of God’s creation, that we are not on this Earth by accident and hopefully by watching this presentation you will be inspired to reach out and develop your full potential by knowing that God loves you and cares for you deeply.



God’s words in our lives help us to fulfill the special Mission Statement that is unique to each man. These strategies will help to provide useful tools in fulfilling that Mission.

Let us pay close attention to the following Scripture, Catechism and our presentation.

May God bless us with His Wisdom, Work and the Wherewithal to complete the mission given to each one of us.  
Amen



**Matthew 6:27-34** *Seek the Kingdom of God*

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' ...Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.

**Matthew 7:7-11** *The Answer to Prayer*

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him?



The Word of the Lord.

**Catechism**

**220** *God is Love*

God's love is "everlasting". "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you." Through Jeremiah, God declares to his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."





## **AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD Two Important Questions**

I dreamt I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?" "If you have the time," I said.

God smiled and said: "My time is eternity. What questions do you have in mind for me?"

Question 1: "What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered...

1. That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.
2. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.
3. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.
4. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived.

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked...

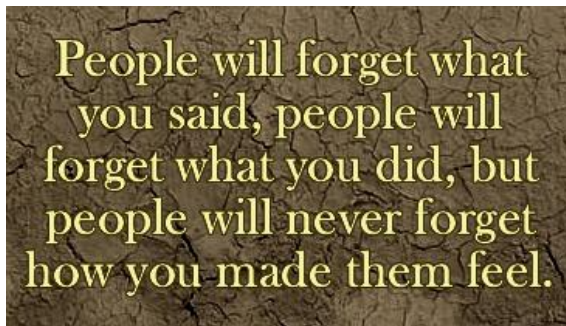
Question 2: "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile:

1. To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.
2. To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.
3. To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.
4. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.
5. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.
6. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.
7. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently.
8. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves.

"Thank you for your time." I said Humbly. "Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

9. To learn that I am here...ALWAYS.



**Questions to Focus on:**

1 Did you ever dream of God? What did He say to you? What did you say to Him? What might you have wanted to ask? Was there a resolution you can share?

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2 What One of the Life Lessons mentioned would you choose to emphasize to your children or grandchildren? Explain why.

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3 Have you ever found yourself in a "Thin Space"? What was it like?

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**Men's Group Calendar**

<b>4/25/2015</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>5/9/2015</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>5/23/2015</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>6/13/2015</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>6/27/2015</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

- † PRAISE GOD during Happy Moments
- † SEEK GOD during Difficult Moments
- † WORSHIP GOD during Quiet Moments
- † TRUST GOD during Painful Moments
- † THANK GOD during Every Moment!

**THE PRACTICE OF  
FORGIVENESS IS  
OUR MOST  
IMPORTANT  
CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE HEALING  
OF THE WORLD.**



You were chosen for something and not just saved from something.  
Give samples of Jesus away.  
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 I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen

