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ARE YOU A FAN OR FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Why is this important to know

In baseball's Spring Training, ballplayers work to prepare for the regular season, getting back their skills atrophied over the winter, developing new skills and learning manager expectations for the new season.

Lent is the Spring Training for our physical and spiritual life.



In the audio presentation you will hear shortly, Jeff Cavins defines a fan of Jesus as someone basically enthused about Jesus, but only in studying and acquiring knowledge about Jesus. The danger is that the fan's faith becomes that of acquiring knowledge, not being like Him. Fans don't change the world and don't die for the team.

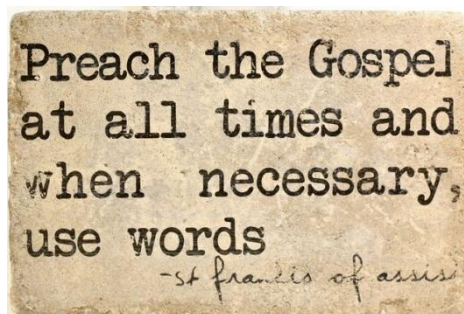
Disciples of Jesus want to be followers of Jesus, to be like Jesus. They just don't comprehend facts, statistics, favorite drinks, preferred cars, what clothes and music they like, etc. They EMBRACE the Mission of Christ.

Two thousand years ago, a Jewish boy between the age of six and ten was trained in the Torah, five days a week. By the age of ten they had memorized the Torah. From the ages of ten to thirteen, they received both training in their faith and in their father's trade.

At the age of fourteen, a Jewish boy would ask a rabbi to be his disciple. If the rabbi saw potential in the boy to be like him, the rabbi said "Come follow me." The disciple would then leave everything and follow the rabbi. If the rabbi rejected a boy, he would say "Go ply your father's trade."

Some of the Apostles called by Jesus were plying their father's trade when he found them. They had been rejected by the rabbis. However, Jesus saw the potential in the men he called to be like Him. They became disciplines and changed the world.

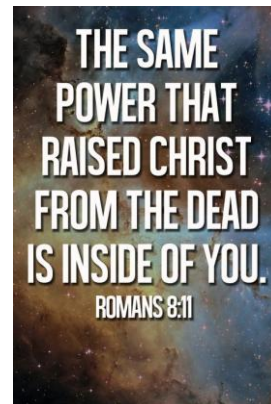
Let us pay close attention to the following Scripture, Catechism and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom, Work and the Wherewithal to complete the mission given to each one of us. Amen



James 1:22-25 *The Man in the Mirror*

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like.

But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.



Matthew 28:19 *The Great Commission*

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

John 10:27-28 *Know, Love and Serve the Lord*

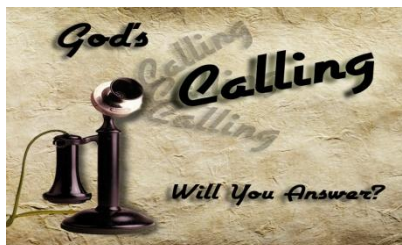
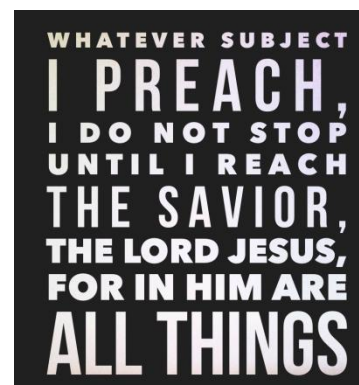
My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

The Word of the Lord.

Catechism

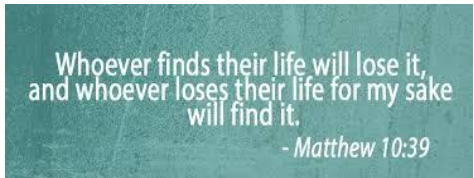
2472 *Live the Gospel*

The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. The witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.



Modern Comment – Jeff Cavins
Are you a Fan or a Disciple?

This morning's speaker is Jeff Cavins. He was raised a Catholic but left the Church to become a Protestant minister for twelve years. After returning to the Catholic Church he originated EWTN's "Life on the Rock" and developed the popular Bible study "The Great Adventure." In this talk, he encourages us on our Lenten journey by contrasting being a Fan of Jesus with being a Disciple of Jesus.



- † **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!**

Questions to Focus on:

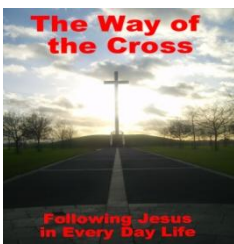
1 Describe an occasion when the Lord has spoken to you (or someone you knew) and you (or someone else) has acted upon it. What was the result?

2 Has the Lord ever spoken to you through someone else? Was there a resolution you can share?

3 Are you an Owner or Steward of God's Gifts? Do you give out Free Samples of Christ? If so, how?

Men's Group Calendar

3/21/2015	CMFNEO Annual Conference	Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School 8AM-4PM
3/28/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
4/11/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
4/25/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
5/9/2015	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
5/23/2015	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library



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

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



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

