

realpeople

the gospel in everyday language



Today's Readings:

Abram steps out in faith. Gn 12:1-4
Our call to be holy. 2 Tim 1:8-10
Transfigured in love. Mt 17:1-9

Next Week:

A chat at the well
Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

In a nutshell

In an outpouring of love, Jesus stands transfigured. It is an extraordinary moment, a foretaste of the future glory that awaits Jesus the Christ. It is a glory that will only be achieved through a painful passage of crucifixion. In life's trials, may we believe in God's relentless love and treasure every glimpse of the kingdom.



Radiant!

They had been through enough trials to have broken the strongest of marriages. And yet, twenty years after their wedding day, there they were, standing hand in hand, renewing their vows in front of a room full of family and friends. It was one of those moments when God's love is palpable. Shared with you here are the vows of the husband:

I, Doug, take you my Suse to have and to hold your beautiful face, eyes, body and soul from this day forth, now, twenty years, and forever. Continuing to cherish your smile and laughter, your walk, your fun, your softness, holding hands, your charity and your heart that God planted and gave so many emotions; you are a spectacular woman.

I do honour your friendship to others, your enthusiasm, fantastic creativity, amazing brain and wit. I respect your opinion and judgement and admire your extraordinary strength and resilience when tackling life's tests.

I will always love you for your

friendship, style and overwhelming presence, your care of God's natural colour across ocean skies and land and as the mother of our beautiful children; you are a giant.

I take you in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer forever as the unexpected is the journey that you make constant and bring life's meaning to reality. 'Every day is a new day.'

I thank God for giving you to me and with God's grace do promise to further deepen our love as long as we both shall live.

This is my witnessed vow and promise to you.

The power of love

Many people battling the limitations of illness and age savour and make their own a prayer composed, in the evening of his days, by a former Superior General of the Jesuits, Fr Pedro Arrupe.

More than ever, I now find myself in the hands of God.

This is what I have wanted all my life, from my youth.

And this is still what I want.

But now there is a difference: the initiative is entirely with God.

It is indeed a profound spiritual experience

to know and feel myself so totally in his hands,

in the hands of this God who has taken hold of me.



Think . Talk . Pray

- Describe a moment when you basked in the light of love, joy, faith.
- 'Our most precious gifts in life often come at a great cost.' In what way does this ring true for you?
- Do you have a special prayer which expresses your deepest longings and desires for God?

Simple ways to celebrate God's beauty and radiance

- Practice the habit of gratitude. 'Thank you, Lord, for ...'
- Notice the goodness in people and reflect it back to them with a word of praise.
- Immerse yourself in the writings of the saints. Let their fascination with God's beauty rub off on you.
- When you see something of God, smile!



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