

Rectoría San Juan de Dios
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Gn 12, 1-14; Psalm 33; 2 Tm 1, 8B-10; Mt 17, 1-9
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Let Us Go Back to Revelations that Mark Us

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain opens up a greater understanding for the disciples about Jesus and his mission. These same disciples—Peter, James, and John—later experienced other revelations. After the Transfiguration, they were present at the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus and after that at the agony of Jesus in Gethsemane.

We today, after two thousand years, are the same as those disciples. We have participated in the same revelations, not only the revelations on the mountain but also new revelations that marked our lives, those that we have reached in our faith journey. There are revelations that mark us, that put a seal on us as belonging to Jesus and his mission; they permit us to emerge from sleep, paralysis, and fear in order to contemplate God. What revelations have you experienced?

The condition in which the disciples found themselves when they witnessed the Transfiguration—*prostrate with fear; so much so that Jesus had to touch them as he had touched the sick and the dead*—can give us an idea of the difficulties the world goes through to enter the mystery of God. In this way, we could understand the

world, in the best case, as a world prostrate with fear, like a sick or dead person who is not capable of reaching the higher synthesis of the life of man and his final destiny in God.

The revelations that mark us are within our reach; even more, our faith in large part has been based part on them. But to enter permanently into His divine sphere, we need to allow Jesus to take us up the mountain and lead us to the limit, to the surrender of His life.

The revelations that leave a mark on us imprint a seal of belonging on us; they transform us into different persons. We begin by configuring ourselves to Christ and we end by transfiguring ourselves in Him. In order for this to happen, we need to allow God to work in us.

As if waking up out of lethargy, we hear the voice of God who says to us:

1-Let me reorient your plans.

Abandon your securities. He asked this of Abraham and asks this of us today. It is necessary to leave our comfort zone in order to aspire to a fuller blessing.

To allow God to reorder our life means serving as a means for Him to bless others. It means living life aware of being on a journey.

Our life acquires its ultimate meaning when we undertake our exodus, in other words, our path of liberation, of our leaving this world behind. Like Jesus, when we decide to take on a plan better than our own—

God's plan.

2-Let me consecrate your life.

The revelations that mark us ask us to pay the price of a life distinct from the life that the world offers. This is about accepting suffering for the cause of the Gospel and guarding the definitive Gospel, the gift of Jesus for mankind.

Consecrating our life always enables us to reach new revelations. Thanks to this experience of offering to God, we can better understand humanity, the world we live in, and our final destiny.

3-Let me take you up the mountain.

God wants us to know Him intimately as the Life behind life. A unique emotion comes to us from only intuiting that it is through these revelations that we interpret ourselves. We are made in the mystery of God; we must interpret ourselves as part of this mystery.

On the mountain, God wants us to hear Him in His Son; He wants us to lose the fear of facing divine reality and our future in Him.

At the top of the mountain, we can feel that Jesus touches us in order to wake us from our lethargy so that we overcome the paralysis that keeps us from transcending.

At the heart of these revelations that leave a mark on us is a petition from our Father God: *that we listen to His Son*, that we make a single interpretation of salvific reality. To listen to Jesus helps us to put into perspective the ideologies, idolatries, and fears that confound the world and

keep it from entering into the mystery of God.

Let us let the revelations of God mark us.