**03. How to know that I have and experience of God? JOB 42**

* **Summary of the previous meetings**

**Peter/no success/no taste/admit his failure to see GOD’s work/ Trust and to use his nets in a different way (wrong way according to logic)**

* Can you be HAPPY with the same face/mother/school/boss/house/car?
* If you allow someone to teach the art of using the nets in another way

Marta-Mary: a guest/a lot of people/the right thing is to give them to eat/things done well/but the heart is angry/a cry: don’t you care that my sister...tell her! What kind of teacher are you? Marta is tired of serving/not recognised for what she does. Marta, Marta…a paradox answer: she is doing not the right thing/pass the exam of the others pressure and “look”. Her cry tells suffering

* Not a good child, not loved/dirty? Not accepted/shy? Bullied/don’t dress the same? Threw away/all life in gym to be accepted/studying to be high grade/
* There is someone who loved you gratis? Who had something without nothing in exchange? JUNIOR COLLEG: What do you want from me? There is always behind an interest.
* For whom did Jesus come? For the “good ones”? No! Prostitutes/sinners/failed people in life/for the one who stops being hypocrite and doing as he/she is good.

**I am the Lord your God…**dialogue/word the beginning of a relation**. God created the world through a word/speaking. God gave us words and laws.**

* **You find yourself in world that has its own rhythm and you enter in it.** You don’t dictate the rules. You find them there (perhaps are wrong) but you accept and you adapt to them. Some of the rules are right and you break them and after 10 years you discover they were right. You had or you have a lot of friends but there is no taste…**We have said that you can obey only one whom you trust. To know the one whom you trust is essential. But what does that mean?**
* He presents himself after he has done something for you! Something that only God can do? (Prepared sheet will be given to the participants)…a personal time of reflection and sharing… **Prayer with the psalm and sharing of the questions**
* **Witness of Julian: My life with my God…**

**Catechesis of today: How do we know God?**

* What is a real experience of God? Where do we meet God?

**NATURE: beauty/sunsets storms/earquakes**

**SCIENCE: harmony/stars/universe/ limits of the science/new theories/**

**FEAR: we are so small (exam) fear of the absolute (pray)**

**RELIGIOUS INSTINCT (Marx)**

**FEELING: (I feel it within/the invisible/the poem/music) You feel it but me no**

**I have met God when I was having an accident and I called “Jesus help me”? and I was saved. And the others who don’t call? Bye bye, YOU DIE…it is not simple to answer**

* **Theories of God are put down by something much more serious: and the SUFFERING? How DO YOU FEEL GOD: /innocent children/abuses/mafia/pedofils/ABSURD?**
* If I have to know God I have to mesaure myself with what in my life is absurd. It’s time for you to do some questions if you really want to face the reality and not just to be superficial
* Job **42: the last sentence of this chapter “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.**

**Context of Job before – during – after**

**Satan=accusing lawyer /minister of doubt/in the company=the one who finds the problems out for a better result…his job is to find JOB guilty of something.**

* **First form to explain life is: who is good (brave) things flow good. Bad one bad result. (primitive)**
* Job is good/faithful/ - full of blessing (animals/house/slaves/children/friends)
* Heaven: satan and God/Job is touched…in his goods
* Earth: Job don’t give up on God///again is tempted and touched in his skin
* Job suffers but his friends try to give an answer to his suffering. They cry him as he is dead.
* FRIEND 1. You are suffering it means you will have something wrong you are paying for.
* FRIEND 2. You are suffering because God is giving you a lesson for a bigger success
* FRIEND 3. You have to accept and to give up/support what God sends to you.

Thank you so much! Perspectives full of enthusiasm. And hope!

* These are theories. They speak out of experience of suffering. JOB ANSWERS WITH THE RIB=PROCESS when a person brings up accuses towards someone who is guilty by facts/evidence
* Rib towards God. JOB CRIES OUT and calls God to judgment. I CANNOT! ANSWER ME! WHY DO YOU SEND THIS TO ME? WHY DO YOU TURTURE ME?
* SORPRISE: GOD ANSWERS.

Here is the point: JOB sees that his suffering is listened. His cry/his accusation/HIS SUFFERING BECOMES THE PLACE OF MEETING GOD FACE TO FACE.

THERE IS A BIG JOY. “You did well in speaking me like that” and punishes his three friends.”THESE PEOPLE DON’T KNOW TO SPEAK ABOUT ME. THEY DON’T SPEAK ABOUT ME WITH JUSTICE”.

* **THE BOOK FINISHES LIKE THAT: it’s for you. They ask you to enter in the story of Job.**

**I can tell you that I have seen God, I have met him in the tumour and death of my father and I tell you that I have met him truly in the murderer attempt of my brother/in the accident he had. This is my experience.**

**But you need to have your experience.**

**Cry out/shout to God and speak to him because he is truly in love speaking to you.**