



Day 38: Revealers

Jesus, the Living Presence of the Father

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:25-26

Jesus as the perfect revelation of His heavenly Father has been a common theme. When Jesus proclaims, "I have made your name known to them," He is revealing to His disciples the deepest truth about His mission. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, Jesus, the Son of God, is constantly bearing witness to us that His mission from day one was never about Him, but only about His heavenly Father. "I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do." (John 17:4). His attention and affection as a son were constantly oriented to His Father as the one who was the source of His very life and mission. Thus, His entire sonship becomes a revelation of His presence and goodness. This revelation came to perfection as Jesus was crucified on the Cross, revealing the unconditional love and mercy of God. In the end, this revelation of the Father's love is at the heart of His mission, and in a wonderful way we are all called to share this mission.

Mary, Always Pointing to Jesus

Mary's whole vocation was at the service of the truth that Jesus' whole life, death, and resurrection was the perfect revelation of the Father's love. In the very person of her son, the God of heaven and earth visited His people and revealed himself as Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." (Matt. 1:23) She too received a profound grace as the Mother of Jesus to make her life not about her, but about her son and His mission. I believe that mothers might already have the built-in sensibility to be the biggest supporters of their children, being sources of joy and encouragement, so Mary must have lived this to the highest capacity. Thus, her daily mission was to help Jesus live His mission as the Son of the Father, sent to reveal the fullness of His love and mercy. Mary's whole life – her time, attention, affection, and desires, and thus every decision - was focused on Him. Thus, she too in her faithfulness to her vocation in turn becomes a 'co-revealer' of the Father. This was the gift of her life and vocation.

St. Juan Diego and Us

You are made to reveal God. And I promise, the more you live your identity to the full, the more your life will become a powerful manifestation of the presence of God. The moving truth about the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is that God reveals himself through Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego and the peoples of this continent. In fact, the day chosen by God for the Guadalupe Event is of deep meaning for the native culture because it fulfilled an apocalyptic expectation of the native peoples. In the Guadalupe Event, God and Our Lady revealed their hearts to a poor man, Juan Diego, who in turn received the mission also to reveal the Heart of the Father to the suffering people. Just as God came into the world through Mary's *fiat*, yet again, God comes to the new world through Mary, and, just as John the Baptist was the herald of the Messiah, St. Juan Diego became the Lord's instrument bearing the "breath, word, will" of Our Lady to the world so that Jesus could reign. This has been God's way from the beginning of time! He chooses mere humans to communicate His very heart of love and mercy for all His sons and daughters. Our mission, though unique, is the same. As a husband and father, your mission is to reveal the heart of God. Think about all the daily encounters you have with your wife and children. You possess a great power, as all of your words and actions have an incredible capacity to reveal the love of God. Brother, you have been given this power by the Father, and He rejoices for you to share in this mission.

Prayer

O Jesus, we adore You, we love You, and we thank You for the gift of Your presence. You are the beloved Son whose life and mission was to fully reveal the Heart of the Father. Through no merit of our own, You call us too to be 'revealers' of the Father's love and mercy in our own lives. Help us to live our mission. We ask you now to hear this prayer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of us, draw us close to your heart. You encouraged and blessed St. Juan Diego to step into his mission, as he was called to be an instrument of God's love to his native people. Please come and fill us with your love.

Amen.

After reading today's reflection, [pray the Litany of Restoration of Sonship](#).

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