



“Knowing God Is Near”

Our journey of faith was one of living our lives "according to God's plan", of accepting our state in life - whatever it may be - as part of His will for us, and submitting to the sometimes unreasonable demands that we seem to think He makes upon us. The soul is spirit, noble, most God-like; the flesh is lowly, corruptible, and definitely mortal. We were trained to struggle against the desires of the body, to subdue, to repress. Our ultimate goal is our reunion with our God in the heavenly kingdom; our earthly journey is one of "earning" our citizenship in heaven.

In the Gospel passage, Luke allows us to become witnesses, with Peter, James and John, of the Lord's transfiguration:

The Apostles witnessed a dazzling display of God's glory at the Transfiguration and were overwhelmed with excitement; but they were soon to experience the passion and death of Jesus. These same three will follow Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane. They will see Him, fearful, saddened, pleading not to have to suffer and die. They will see Him on the cross, apparently abandoned by his Father and overcome by evil. This will betray all their hopes and dreams, and almost destroy their faith.

Through faith, we have a foretaste of the glory of Risen Lord, and we must know that it is this same glory that is waiting for us. Today we are challenged to transform our lives - to let the glory of God guide us and shine through us... to focus on God along the rough road of the spiritual path... knowing that God is

near, that He understands our pain, and that He will sustain us and carry us through, beyond our own physical Gethsemane, beyond our Calvary, to the triumph of our Easter.



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