

The Pray More Advent Retreat Study Guide

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Reflective Questions

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed [him], crying out, “Son of David, have pity on us!”^k When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I can do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they said to him. Then he touched their eyes and said, “Let it be done for you according to your faith.” And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.” But they went out and spread word of him through all that land.

- MT 9:27-31

1. Jesus is always about the healing of our souls in relation to His Father. How is your soul hurting right now? What blemishes exist in your soul that Jesus can heal this Advent?
2. Faith and healing are themes of the verse above. Do you believe and have faith that God can do great things in your life and work miracles through your suffering? Do you struggle with believing that He is in control? How have you let your faith stop from growing in the last few years?
3. Suffering can produce endurance and endurance can produce greater faith, which helps us enter into the kingdom of Heaven. How has the suffering you have endured produced greater faith in your life? Or have you seen it challenge your faith? How can you “lean in” to the suffering that exists in your life and try to move closer to Christ through it? Can you consider offering up your suffering, uniting it to Jesus’?
4. God allows suffering but limits it, as you can see in Job’s story. The Lord always provides the graces necessary to persevere through our sufferings. How has He done this for you?