

The Pray More Advent Retreat Study Guide

Pete Burak Joseph's Side of the Story

Reflective Questions

“Courage is the willingness to sustain a wound for a noble cause.” - Joseph Pieper

1. Have you ever been in a circumstance where you wished you had been more acknowledged and recognized for the work you had done, for the role you had played? It's hard to act differently than that, and to do things without expecting or hoping for praise or acknowledgement. What are some small things you can do this Advent without thinking of other people's' responses to them? What can you do in silence, or in secret?
2. One of the most fundamental ways to describe a disciple is that the disciple hears what the Master is saying, and does it. A disciple is constantly asking, “What is God telling me?” What has God been telling you lately? What are you going to do about it?
3. When have you felt God speaking to you in the past, asking you to do something, and you didn't act on it? How would you do things differently today? How do you think you may need to grow in obedience to the Father's will this Advent?
4. Take a look at that Joseph Pieper quote above, which defines courage. How have you been courageous in your life? How have you suffered for a noble cause? How can you imitate St. Joseph and live out this type of courage in your life?
5. St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of living humbly, and living out God's will in silence. How can you do this more in your own life?