

The Pray More Lenten Retreat Study Guide

The Bronze Serpent with St. Faustina

Reflective Questions

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

- John 3:14-15

1. Sr. Faustina explains God’s desire for the people of Israel to choose Him and to love Him in return to His love for them, as demonstrated in the Old Testament. She poses the question, “How do I choose Him in return?” The power of our choice is the gift of our love, that we are given circumstances in our lives that actually lead us to the promised land and also into a deeper relationship with Him. Can you think of a circumstance in your life that you were led into a deeper relationship with God? If so, how did you choose to reciprocate God’s love?
2. Do you believe that this self-giving love from God has the power to work through the ordinary and unattractive crosses in your life? If so, why?
3. Are you willing to be seen in that place, that place of your poverty, of your failings, of your neediness and dependency? To reach out to God there, facing your vulnerableness and to turn to Him in the sacraments, in adoration and at mass? Having this kind of childlike dependency and trust in God is the path of life. This little way is a beautiful way and a deep way of love. When was a time that you were open with God about your dependency and neediness?
4. Sr. Faustina tells us that she is convinced that in our everyday lives real wholeness, that is, a real opportunity for beautiful love from God is precisely in our struggles because we don’t choose our struggles and we don’t choose our crosses. Have you ever had a difficult experience in your life, a real cross to bear, that you also experienced God’s love? If so, what was that experience and how did you see God’s love in your life?