

The Longest Hour, A Miracle featuring Fulton Sheen

With Bonnie Engstrom

Reflective Questions

“The LORD’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning— great is your faithfulness! The LORD is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the LORD’s deliverance.”

Lamentations 3:22 – 26

1. How may the son of God be glorified through what you are going through, and through your suffering and crosses?
2. When Bonnie’s son was born and she prayed for Fulton Sheen’s intercession, she says she needed him to “fill the gap” for her. She needed him to pray for the things she couldn’t pray for herself at that minute. This is how you can call upon the saints for you. Which saint are you most in need of to be with you on your healing journey?
3. Bonnie continued to have hope despite the dire state of her son and the uncertainty. How can you foster greater hope in whatever situation you find yourself in? How can you trust in the Lord right now, to a greater degree? Are you able to look back at other situations you’ve been through and see how He has provided then, and does that bring you some comfort now?
4. Sometimes it’s easier to say, “Yes” to God in the big things than it is in the little, day to day, moments. How can you say, “Yes” to God (“Fiat, let it be done to me”) today and throughout the little moments that will come up?
5. Bonnie makes an important distinction about hope: that she has had to *choose* to have hope instead of allowing herself to despair during hard times. Hope is to rely on the strength of God and on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. It’s to not rely on your own strength. How can you have greater hope today in the next few weeks? How can you choose it, and remember to keep choosing it, each day?