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OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART or HOLY MOMENTS

"I was in New York the other day and rode with a friend in a taxi. When we got out, my friend said to the driver, "Thank you for the ride. You did a superb job of driving." The taxi driver was stunned for a second. Then he said, "Are you a wise guy or something?" "No, my dear man, and I'm not putting you on. I admire the way you keep cool in heavy traffic." "Yeah," the driver said and drove off. "What was that all about?" I asked.

"I am trying to bring love back to New York," he said. "I believe it'd be the only thing that can save the city." "How can one man save New York?" "It's not the job of one man," the friend answered. "I believe I have made that taxi driver's day. Suppose he has 20 fares. He's going to be nice to those 20 fares because someone was nice to him. Those fares in turn will be kind to their employees or shopkeepers or waiters or even their own families. Eventually the goodwill could spread to 1,000's of people. Now that isn't so bad, is it?"

"But you're depending on that taxi driver to pass your goodwill to others." "I'm not depending on it," my friend said, "I'm aware that the system isn't foolproof so I might praise ten different people today. If out of ten, I can make three happy, then eventually I can indirectly influence the attitudes of many more." "It sounds good on paper," I admitted, "but I'm not sure it works in practice." "Nothing is lost if it doesn't. It didn't take any of my time to tell that man he was doing a good job."

"You're some kind of a nut," I said. "That shows how cynical you have become."

We were walking past a building in the process of being built and passed five workmen eating their lunch. My friend stopped. "That's a magnificent job you men have done. It must be difficult and dangerous work." The workmen eyed my friend suspiciously. "When will it be finished?" "June," a man grunted.

"Ah. That really is impressive. You all must be very proud." We walked away. I said to him, "I haven't seen anyone like you since the Man of La Mancha."

"When those men digest my words, they will feel better for it. Somehow the city will benefit from their happiness." "But you can't do this all alone!" I protested. "You're just one man."

"The most important thing is not to get discouraged. Making people in the city become kind again is not an easy job, but I can enlist just one or two or three people in my campaign each day..."

"You just winked at a very plain-looking woman," I said. "Yes, I know," he replied. "And if she's a schoolteacher, her class will be in for a fantastic day."

We are all seed planters without the knowledge if we will ever harvest the seeds that we plant. Be a good farmer. Plant good seeds even if someone else does the harvesting. One person with conviction makes a majority.

**"The value of a person should be seen in what they give and not in what they are able to receive."
Einstein.**

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Philippians



THE POWER OF THREE or THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL MULTIPLICATION.

What could/would happen if you were able to touch the heart of just three people. - If you could teach three people to love enough to go about creating "Holy Moments", "Loving Moments", "God Moments" and have those three people get three more people to do the same. Jesus did it with twelve apostles who were "red hot, transformed LIFE CHANGERS", who, in turn, ultimately transformed millions. YOU, PLUS YOUR THREE, PLUS THEIR NINE, EQUALS THIRTEEN. -AND THEN THE BEAUTY BEGINS!!!

$$\begin{aligned}13 \times 3 &= 39 \\39 \times 3 &= 117 \\117 \times 3 &= 351 \\351 \times 3 &= 1,053\end{aligned}$$

Six cycles to get to one thousand, and from there the numbers begin to add up very quickly. The compounding power of Spiritual Multiplication is astounding.

$$\begin{aligned}1,053 \times 3 &= 3,159 \\3,159 \times 3 &= 9,477 \\9,477 \times 3 &= 28,431 \\28,431 \times 3 &= 85,293 \\85,293 \times 3 &= 255,879 \\255,879 \times 3 &= 767,637 \\767,637 \times 3 &= 2,302,911\end{aligned}$$

It takes just thirteen cycles to hit two million people.

$$\begin{aligned}2,302,911 \times 3 &= 6,908,733 \\6,908,733 \times 3 &= 20,726,199\end{aligned}$$

It takes just fifteen cycles to reach twenty million.

$$\begin{aligned}20,726,199 \times 3 &= 62,178,597 \\62,178,597 \times 3 &= 186,535,791 \\186,535,791 \times 3 &= 559,607,373\end{aligned}$$

$$559,607,373 \times 3 = 1.7 \text{ billion}$$

It takes just nineteen cycles to reach one billion people

$$1.7 \text{ billion} \times 3 = 5 \text{ billion}$$

There are seven billion people alive today. It would take just twenty cycles to reach everyone on the planet. The principle of Spiritual Multiplication is real, it's achievable. All this from thanking a N.Y. cab driver. WHY NOT? YOU have such power! Start with your children, grandchildren. Certainly BY EXAMPLE!!

Two simple ways: Share each issue "Of Seeds and Flowers" or Mary's Field Face book daily entry.

VISION AND REALITY

Matthew Kelly, the acclaimed author, speaker, (he has spoken to millions of people in 50 countries, 30 million copies of his books in print) in his recent book, **"The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity"** writes: "If you want to see miracles, pray a prayer of transformation. Here is one I have been sharing with people and using for years:

LORD, HERE I AM. I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLE PLAN FOR ME. TRANSFORM ME. TRANSFORM MY LIFE. EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE. TRANSFORM ME INTO THE PERSON YOU CREATED ME TO BE SO I CAN LIVE THE LIFE YOU ENVISIONED FOR ME AT THE BEGINNING OF

"Small deeds done are better than big things planned" - Peter Marshall

"ONE SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS CHANGES THE UNIVERSE." Keating

"ALL THE FLOWERS OF ALL THE TOMORROWS ARE IN THE SEEDS OF TODAY."

"IT IS POINTLESS TO PRAISE THE LIGHT, IF NOBODY CAN SEE IT" - JUNG

"One person with conviction makes a majority." - Edmund Burke

I WILL is more important than "I Q". - Marva Collins

Information from: "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly -worth reading!

TIME. I HOLD NOTHING BACK. I AM 100% AVAILABLE. LEAD ME, CHALLENGE ME, ENCOURAGE ME, AND OPEN MY EYES TO ALL YOUR POSSIBILITIES. SHOW ME WHAT IT IS YOU WANT ME TO DO, AND I WILL DO IT. AMEN

Matthew Kelly continues, "Never in the history of the world has God not answered a sincere prayer of transformation. **The biggest lie in history is the one we tell ourselves.** Holiness is not possible for me. We need to start praying prayers that God can easily answer, prayers that He wants to answer.

The truth is that most people only want to make some changes but are not interested in full transformation. They only want some tweaking! 90% of our prayers are "**tweaking prayers**". Dear God please tweak my spouse... and tweak my spouse again because it didn't take the first time...and tweak my boss.. and my kids...and tweak our pastor etc... God is not in the business of tweaking but in the **business of transformation** and He is open 24 hours a day.

Before you go to bed tonight, I want to challenge you to do two things. First, reflect for a few minutes on these questions: *How available have I been to God over the past three or four years? Have I ever made myself 100% available to God? What would happen if I did?* Then I want you to kneel down beside your bed and pray a prayer of transformation. We should never become so proud that we cannot kneel down beside our bed at night and connect with God.

But let me warn you. If you earnestly pray that prayer you'd better get ready, something wonderful is going to happen! TRANSFORMED PEOPLE, TRANSFORM PEOPLE , ALWAYS!

You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. Real change takes place in your daily routine.

LENT: Pick up your Bible: the Gospel of John, Chapter 12 to the end. Read it: pray it, let slowly sink into your beautiful heart. Learn why you believe what you believe, or learn why it is such a privilege, an honor, a joy, be a Christian! Such freedom!! Reading good spiritual books will TRAP YOU into prayer.

Cindy, my wife, has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She said her professors constantly reminded her that, "No matter how good you are as a care provider, you will never be able be the mother." I wonder how many times you will hear these words in early childhood classes on College campuses these days? Never, never on the evenings news. Why is that??

America, the country that pretends to care for its children.

Please, please keep praying each night at 9PM Est. for our country, for a return to the truth, godly ways. **IT IS WORKING!!** People who have had "bad things" brewing, percolating inside of them for a long time, **can't hold it in any longer.** And now, with a society that has degenerated to the point where the environment is now adequately corrupt, the evil is exploding out of them for the world to see. E.g. -the governor of New York and all the people who wildly applauded at the signing of N.Y.'s brutal abortion law. Similar eruptions are happening everywhere. The media can no longer contain itself.

"IT WILL NEVER BE KNOWN WHAT ACTS OF COWARDICE HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE FEAR OF NOT LOOKING SUFFICIENTLY PROGRESSIVE." – CHARLES PEGUY

Prayer changes things. Prayer makes things happen. It is a quiet revolution of truth and love.
Join the revolution!! IT IS WORKING!

SPEAKING SOFTLY

There are two moments that matter. One is when you know that your **one and only life is absolutely valuable and alive**. The other is when you know your life, as presently lived, is **entirely pointless and empty**. You need both of them to keep you going in the right direction. **Lent is about both**. The first such moment gives you energy and joy by connecting you with your ultimate Source and Ground. The second gives you limits and boundaries, and a proper humility, so you keep seeking the Source and Ground and not just *your small self*.



The paradox, of course, is that you find yourself in both: **your Big Self in God** and **your little self in you**. God loves them both. St. Teresa of Avila summed it up when she said, "We find God in ourselves, and we find ourselves in God." **With such a maxim she did not likely need a therapist**. Yet, I would add, that it is always much more like **being found** than actually finding anything! As Paul put it, "then I shall know as fully as I am known" (1Corinthians 13:12.)

During these days of Lent, **let's allow ourselves to be known. All the way through!** Nothing to hide from, in ourselves, from ourselves, or from God. **Allow yourself to be fully known**, and you will know what you need to know. It is in this wondrous loop of divine disclosure, and our own now **safe self-disclosure** and a healing acceptance of both –that we grow "in wisdom, maturity and grace". In fact, that is the only way love happens, and the only way we grow at all. And then, to personally know the joy of Easter by **rising up transformed** on Easter Sunday. Genuinely, ALLELUIA!

EASTER: The best news that the world ever had came from a graveyard near Jerusalem.

'Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event...' John Irving **"As the world gets darker, the Light gets brighter."**

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