



## **The most important thing: who I am before the Father**

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[translation]

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[Jon 4, 1-11; Ps 86 (85), 3-4. 5-6. 9-10; Lk 11, 1-4]

The first word of Jesus addressed to us at the beginning of this retreat is the word "Father". There is no doubt that the "heart" of Jesus' words in the Gospel is precisely the Father. Jesus who brings us the Good News wants us to meet the Father. He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, where the greatest desire of God is hidden, the summit of the revelation of His Word: clinging to Him as a child clings to the Father, to become his son.

Jesus lives continuously with the Father, face to face. And now He wants to introduce us to this relationship, which is the most important of all. Like a brother who sits next to his younger brother and tells him about the Father. Jesus teaches us the most beautiful relationship, that of the son with the Father; He teaches us how to talk to him, how to trust him, how to make him happy, how to glorify him. Jesus also teaches us to demand ourselves, to love his will instead of ours, because He knows better than we do what we need and always wants our good. Jesus teaches us, men of little faith, to go one step further: from faith to trust in Him. Trust in Jesus becomes for us the path how to trust in the Father.

The disciple of Jesus is the one who seeks to relate to the Father and lives in the presence of the Father as a child. The disciple identifies with Jesus and sees, like him, all his courage "in the eyes of the Father." For Jesus the most important thing is to think: who I am before the Father, how the Father looks at me, who I am for Him. His identity, his consciousness of being is deeply rooted in the Father. That is why the Father is continually entrusted, and this also teaches us.

Therefore, we must seek precisely this kind of privilege of being under his eyes. His eyes will teach us to look deep within ourselves, to go beyond the external, from the superficial to reach the essence of this privilege. His gaze will correct the way we see ourselves, to avoid valuing ourselves when we stop only in external aspects, in religious rites, in verbal invocations such as "Lord, Lord", and focus on attitudes and Works, which flowing from the heart. The heart is the most intimate place, most loved by the Father, where his Father's gaze rests.

If we do not begin to change the way we see ourselves which makes us living only for ourselves and not for the Father, like Jesus teaches us, and if we take care exclusively of our appearance in the eyes of others and not in the eyes of the Father, we run the risk of falling in the confusion of a superficial life, an exterior religiosity and a superficial spirituality, where the Father is not at the center, but ourselves, our well-being, our image, our success, good opinion in the eyes of others, the applause.

In that case, our life will become a theater, where we will play the role of "correct", "devotee", "kind" and begin to depend on the theater and will hide under the mask of the actor, the search for us themselves, selfishness, arrogance and pride.

If we begin to change the way we see, we will learn how to pray like a child, to bless the Father, to miss him, to feel nostalgic for Him, to give ourselves to Him, to trust that he will never leave us without bread, that he will always forgive us, always protect us and always free us from evil. And every time we say the words: "forgive us ..." we will remember that the Father wants us to love our brothers with the same love, because they are also his children. Jesus, the elder brother, guides us together and teaches us the prayer to the Father we have in common.