Week 2 "Daily Prayer Encounter"

Preparation:

* Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.

- * Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.
- * Underline the verse in Green = Prayer
- * Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse Ps 113:3

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

Review of Talk:

Pope John Paul II from Saturday, May 29, 2004

"I greet in a special way the members of Renewal in the Spirit, one of the various branches of the great family of the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives. I hope that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the Church as a renewed incentive to prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation."

We want to live Pentecost as a living reality in our daily lives.

Prayer Daily communion with God

Holiness Rejection of sin

Communion Gathering with other believers for prayer

Meetings

Proclamation Leading others to Christ.

Our Daily Prayer, our Daily Encounter with the Lord, is how we can keep the flame of Pentecost burning in our hearts.

First Principle of Daily Encounter: Prayer is not what you do, it is who you are with.

Second Principle of Daily Encounter: God thirst for you.

Third Principle of Daily Encounter: You need the Holy Spirit to be able to pray.

Three things to consider to prepare for your Daily Encounter with the Lord:

Time: Chose a time that is when you are most alert and when you have the least external distractions.

Place: Chose a place that is conducive to you being alone with the Lord.

Method: Decide a method you will use and passage from the Word of God before you enter into your Encounter with the Lord.

I have produced mp3 files entitled "Daily Prayer Encounters." Go to my website www.BrendanCase.com

Hover your cursor over "Tools for Growth"

At "Tools for Growth" click on "Daily Prayer Encounters"

Once you are at "Daily Prayer Encounters" you will find a link to email me a request to receive half hour mp3 sessions with worship music and an outline which will walk you through different prayer patterns that will help you to encounter the Lord. Email body:

Request "Daily Prayer Encounter." Please include your full name and parish that you attend.

From the Reignite bookmark which you can find at www.BrendanCase.com. I want to focus on the section where it reads:

Renew, Reflect, Respond, Resolve, Review

Journaling:

In this Encounter we are allowing God to speak and act upon our souls. Many times the Lord acts in a way that is like pieces of a puzzle. Puzzle pieces by themselves are interesting, but they are to form a picture. Many times when the Lord speaks He speaks in pieces. Journaling allows us to see each piece and then put each piece together to see the bigger picture. Because we do not record our prayer Encounter many times we do not see the bigger picture.

At www.BrendanCase.com you will also find Reignite Journal Index Reignite Shorter Journal Page Reignite Journal Page

Lectio Divina

Lectio (*To Read*) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.

Meditatio (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?

Oratio (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication? Speak to God freely.

Contemplatio (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

1st Day Ex 33:12-17 2nd Day Jn 8:31-32 3rd Day 1 Pt 5:7 4th Day Ps 1 5th Day Ro 12:1-2 6th Day Ps 48:9 Review

If you have not done so, commit to a time and method for daily prayer. Share your experience with your small group from *The School of the Holy Spirit*.