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WORD OF LIFE

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“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour”

(Mt. 25:13)

In depth...

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In this Word of Life, Jesus is speaking about being ready for when he comes at the end of time, but also at the end of each one of our lives.

You might be like many people who don't want to think about death. You're afraid of that moment and act as if it didn't exist.

And instead Jesus tells us, “Be vigilant. Stay awake!” Because we really don't know when he will come. It's just like those who stay awake because they know a thief is coming to rob their house, but they don't know the exact hour.

And what do you say...

Sometimes we do everything to distract our attention from death, immersing ourselves completely in daily activities and forgetting the One who gave us life and will ask it back from us when he comes to take us into heaven. Will we be ready to meet him?

When Jesus comes, will we be trying to love?

Or will we be so preoccupied with what we are doing, so full of our material possessions, so happy about things that pass away that **we have forgotten the only thing necessary, which is to love?**



How can we live this Word of Life?

The person who loves is vigilant. Loves makes you vigilant.



When you love someone, your heart is always waiting to see them, and every minute without that person is spent aiming at the moment when you will meet again.

That's how someone acts when they love Jesus. They do everything thinking of him, whom they meet in all the simple things of God's will in each moment. And they are ready for the last solemn moment when he will come to them.

Some time ago I spontaneously prayed to God in this way, and I'd like to share it with you now.

«Jesus, help me to say every word as if it were the last word I will say. Help me to carry out every deed as if it were my last act. Help me to suffer always as if it were the last suffering I have to offer to you. Help me to pray always as if it were the last chance I have here on earth to speak with you”.

Chiara

Input this month:

Let's concentrate on living this day, in the present moment that Divine Providence offers us to live.

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