

Heroic Confidence

Caution or Confidence

Many people live with caution as the fundamental attitude that guides and drives their lives. Timidity and fear are not meant to be a part of the Christian life. While we may experience these emotions, our hope is fortified by the solid conviction that Jesus Christ has conquered all that threatens to conquer us...and He has triumphed. With this solid conviction, we first confidently claim the mercy that He offers us.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one area in your life where you regularly feel confident? Why? (Bonus round: what is one area of your life where you are more cautious? Why?)
 2. Can you relate to the Apostles' experience of "hiding for fear" after the death (and reported Resurrection) of Jesus? Have you ever had the experience of hiding for fear with regard to your faith in Jesus? Please describe.
 3. Confidence is "hope fortified by solid conviction". Further, our hope is in a Person, not an outcome. It is trusting an Other. Does this help you understand and live hope...or does knowing this make it more difficult? Discuss.
 4. In the messages of Divine Mercy, Jesus said that what broke His Heart more than all the other evils in the world was when His children didn't trust in His merciful love. Why do you think that people do not trust in God's mercy? Discuss.
 5. What is one way that you believe you could take steps to begin (or continue) living the Christian life with heroic confidence? Will you do that?
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God in Real Life

1. This week, take the time to entrust yourself to Divine Mercy. Acquire the Divine Mercy image, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and/or go to Confession. This is where faith has feet and confidence takes action.
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To the Heart

"Jesus, I trust in You." ~you