

Wholehearted

The School of Trust.

Ever since the Fall in the Garden of Eden, our image of God has become distorted. We find that we don't naturally trust God. We all have the temptation to imagine that God is simply out to eliminate joy and ruin our happiness. And yet, the entire Bible is God's attempt to win back our trust. Father Michael Gaitley calls this attempt "God's School of Trust".

Discussion Questions

1. If you could go to any kind of school to learn any kind of thing, what would it be? (Examples could include "clown school", "acrobat school", "martial arts school", "painting school", etc...)
 2. The role of trust in a relationship is incalculable. When it comes to your best relationship, please describe the role of trust. How has it impacted your day to day relationship? Please describe.
 3. Great goals/dreams are often accompanied by great discouragement. St. Therese knew that her dream of loving God as much as He possibly could be loved was impossible... yet she wasn't discouraged. Do you have any ideas why not? Discuss.
 4. Sometimes the fragility and weakness of St. Therese is a turn off to people. Others can see themselves in her. Based off what you know about St. Therese so far, does it seem likely that she will become, as Saint John Paul the Great called her, "the greatest saint of modern times"? Why or why not?
 5. Saint Therese had a break-through in her life that came down to one small act of courage. Are there any small acts of courage in your life right now? Areas where you know that God has called you to "take a step" (like Abram), but you've been hesitating? Please share with the group.
-

God in Real Life

1. This week, let your prayer be, "God, help me to love you as much as you possibly can be loved by a human heart".
-

To the Heart

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."
~Proverbs 3:5