Wholehearted

Into the Heart.

It is a great sign of humility to not be surprised by weakness. It is a great sign of hope to not be discouraged by weakness. It is a great sign of love to not be stopped by weakness. It is a great sign that one is taking Jesus seriously to not be disqualified by weakness.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever experienced an unfair judge? This could be a teacher or a parent or anyone who misjudged you. Please share the experience.
- 2. St. Therese said that she was filled with joy and trust at the truth of God's absolute justice because it meant that she could absolutely trust God. Do you understand where she is coming from? How would you explain it to someone?
- 3. God looks into your heart and it neither surprised, discouraged, nor stopped. Have you ever been convinced that God is disappointed or disgusted with your weakness? What is one thing that you remember in order to break that cycle of "stinking thinking"?
- 4. For the person who knows that Jesus is who He says He is (and that the Catholic Church was given by Him to be our help on the way), there is no weapon left in Satan's arsenal other than discouragement. When you face discouragement, what do you do? What helps you receive courage?
- 5. Sr. Marie of St. Joseph was difficult to love through no fault of her own. But she was faithful to trusting in God's mercy and love throughout her life and this made her a great saint. Are you someone who is difficult to get close to? Do you know someone like this? What is the greatest challenge you face in this regard when it comes to following Christ? Please share with the group.

God in Real Life

I. This week, have no fear to look into your heart. And to entrust your weakness and sins to God's mercy.

To the Heart

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." ${\sim}1$ Corinthians 1:25