

# Ordinary Time

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## Ask. Offer. Accept

Winning in the Christian life is also called “being a saint”. Winning is possible. Being a saint means willing what God wills. It means allowing every moment to be a holy moment by asking God to be present, offering Him each moment, and resolving to accept His will.

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## Discussion Questions

1. What was your favorite Halloween costume of all time? Why? (On another level: if you *had* to be someone other than you, who would you be?)
  2. Who is one person whose faith and life you have admired? Why? What was it about them that you noticed was admirable and/or exceptional? Do you find some of the same characteristics or gifts in your own life?
  3. Sainthood is more about the heart (who our heart belongs to) than it is about merely external actions. Ask, Offer, and Accept is about changing our focus and re-orienting our heart towards God’s will. In your own life, is it easier to change your heart’s focus or your external actions? How so?
  4. Are there any moments in your life that you would find it more difficult than others to ask God to be present, offer Him the moment, and resolve to accept the result? Would you mind sharing why this would be more difficult? Are there any moments that would be impossible to offer to God? Why?
  5. The Communion of Saints is real. The saints pray for us and bring our prayers before God. What is one way that you have experienced the help of the saints?
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## God in Real Life

1. Going past last week’s “Do it now”, plan when you are going to take five minutes each day this week to read the Bible. Intend to complete Saint Francis de Sales’ “Ask. Offer. Accept” at least five separate times each day. (Bonus points for every time you do this after the fifth time). When we ask God into every moment, we are asking Him to sanctify each moment. When we offer God every moment, every moment becomes worship. When we entrust every moment to Him, we are saying, “Thy will be done”.
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## To the Heart

“...Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.” (Hebrews 12:1)