

The Root

The Age of Compromise

We live in a unique time. It is, in many ways, an age marked by a disposition towards compromise. One where convictions and beliefs are quickly and easily discarded whenever they become inconvenient. But the Christian must be able to stand. Therefore, the follower of Christ must go to the places of testing: the desert, the heart, the root.

Discussion Questions

1. Is my heart a place of truth and decision and boldness, where I am confident in defending my convictions and beliefs? Or do I find that my heart a place of compromise?
 2. Do I live in a place where the Father has access to my heart? Do I spend time with Him in prayer? Do I give Him the time and space to move, or do I do all the talking?
 3. When we root ourselves in Scripture, in prayer and in the Sacraments, only then we will be planted near streams of water, where our roots can't get deep enough. Take a moment to reflect on each of these areas. Do I spend time daily reading the Scripture? Do I set aside time in prayer? Do I let my heart be purified in the sacraments?
 4. Read Peter 1:8-17. Do I find myself compromising in any areas of my life, i.e. sin, faith, relationships, school, prayer, vocation, where my beliefs and convictions are questioned?
 - A. What makes remaining rooted in those beliefs and convictions so difficult?
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God in Real Life

Scripture. Prayer. And the sacraments. What do these roots look like in my life? Spend some time and look at these from a practical perspective, fine-tuning their role in your life. When and where and how often are you going to participate in them? Make a plan.

To the Heart

“Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.”

1 Peter 3:18