

RCIA Study Guide

God and Personal Experience

In this session, we hope to reflect on our Relationships, Choices and God. We are called to love one another. That entails choices; we walk through some doors and others close. Every choice takes us down the road to who we are becoming. Choices that take us to the encounter with God lead us to union with Him. A good question is, “Who offers the choice to us?” Ponder the following questions.



- What call did Sr. Joneen hear and who called to her?
- What did her call sound like?
- What doors opened or closed for her as the result of her choice?
- Why is one choice right and another wrong? Is there a goal to life?
- What role should sacrifice have in mature decision making?
- Why do some choices appear better than others to us?
- How do we know that we are hearing God?

Doors, Human Choices and Sin

The Judeo-Christian Tradition describes human history as originating in the creative action of God. One of the most important stories in that tradition is the story of Adam and Eve. It is a story that tries to describe the effect of persons disconnected from God and nature. Christians call that phenomenon ‘sin.’ We will read the following story aloud.

Scripture Reading for Tonight **Genesis 3:1-13**

3:8 When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: “Where are you?” Authors, Various. Catholic New American Bible Revised Edition (Kindle Locations 790-818). Fairbrother. Kindle Edition.

Choices

- Did Adam and Eve call God or did God call them?
- What does God’s call look like in your life?
- How can we tune God out?
- Where are you?

Salvation Is a Relationship

In this relationship of salvation, the Lord God takes the initiative, as he has done since the time of the original sin by Adam and Eve, calling to the new sinners, “Where are you?” (Gen 3: 9). In response to the sound of his approach, the no-longer-innocent couple chose to hide themselves from God, until he insisted on their coming out to meet him. Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S. J.. Saved: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics (Kindle Locations 131-133). Our Sunday Visitor. Kindle Edition.