

Star of Bethlehem/Finding Jesus in Difficult Times

REFLECTION QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS

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Contemplate

To ponder, meditate, think about, consider

We either move closer to God or move away from Him according to St. Ignatius of Loyola.

- With this pandemic, consider the moments that you have moved towards God and away from Him.
- During this year, where or when did you find it easy to find Jesus?
- During the past months, where did you find it difficult to find Jesus?

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future full of hope.”

(Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

***“I praise You, because I am wonderfully made;
wonderful are Your works!
My very self You know”***

Psalm 139:14

A quote from Dabo Swinney (Clemson’s football coach)

***“The most important thing is you were created on purpose,”
Swinney told Jordan.***

“You have a thumb print.

There are billions of people in this world, and you are the only one with your thumb print.

And God intended it to be that way,

so you are the only one that can leave the imprint that He has given you.¹

Swinney at his best with an amazing message to a 15-year old | The Clemson Insider

- Just like the Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph and Jesus – what imprint or purpose has God given you that *only you can do*?

“Religion without a great hope would be like an altar without a living fire”²

¹ Swinney at his best with an amazing message to a 15-year old | The Clemson Insider

² Henry Van Dyke, *The Story of the Other Wise Man* (HarperPerennial Classics, 2013). 6