

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