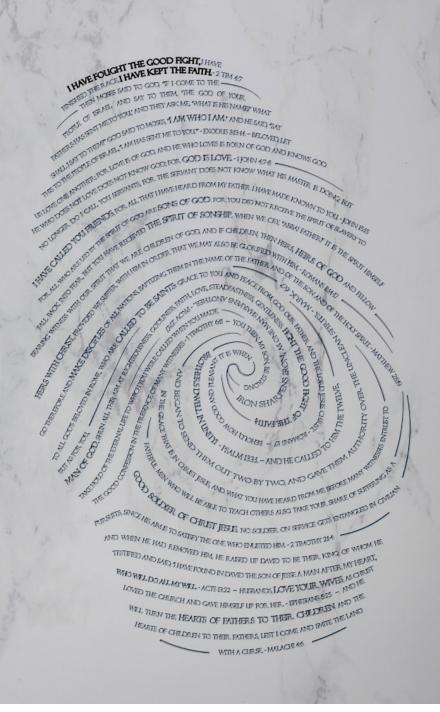
The Fight of Faith

Knowing Who You Are Changes Everything

I Have Fought the Good Fight, I have finished the race, I Have Kept the Faith. - 2 Timothy 4:7





Relativism



The doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute.

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Dictatorship of Relativism



Relativism, that is, letting oneself be "tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine", seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times. We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires.

- Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger

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The Fight of Faith: Truth vs. Deceit



We, however, have a different goal: the Son of God, the true man. He is the measure of true humanism. An "adult" faith is not a faith that follows the trends of fashion and the latest novelty; a mature adult faith is deeply rooted in friendship with Christ. It is this friendship that opens us up to all that is good and gives us a criterion by which to distinguish the true from the false, and deceit from truth. We must develop this adult faith; we must guide the flock of Christ to this faith. And it is this faith - only faith - that creates unity and is fulfilled in love.

- Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger

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Movement 1 - Outside



Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.

- John 18:31

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Movement 2 - Inside



Pilot - Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus - You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.

Pilate - What is truth?

- John 18:37-38

Movement 3 - Outside



He went out to the Jews again, and told them, "I find no crime in him"

"Not this man, but Barab'bas!"

- John 18:38-39



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Movement 4 - Inside



Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

- John 19:1



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Movement 5 - Outside



Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him."

- John 19:4



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Movement 6 - Inside



When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again...

- John 19:8-9



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Movement 7 - Outside



If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.

- John 19:12



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Inside Out



Here is your King.

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

- John 19:16



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The Imperishable Crown of Glory



Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things; they do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable.

- 1 Corinthians 9:25



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The Good Fight



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

- 2 Timothy 4:8



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Faith Gives Way to Sight



Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

- 1 John 3:2



The Glory of the Saints



Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you are praised in the company of your Saints and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts. By their way of life you offer us an example, by communion with them you give us companionship, by their intercession, sure support, so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run as victors in the race before us and win with them the imperishable crown of glory, through Christ our Lord.

- Roman Missal - Preface 1 of Saints

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• What struck you today from the story of Pontius Pilate and the battle over truth? • What were your favorite aspects of this year of TMIY? What has been the most fruitful? How has God worked in your life? See You In The Fall!