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ISSUE Youth Programming

07 07 2017 at 1900 Father Spitzers Universe 60 minutes Father Robert Spitzer answers questions on a wide range of subjects, including: Reason, Faith, Suffering, Virtue, and the Existence of God. Today, Fr. Spitzer answers questions that came in via email and Facebook regarding chapter 2 of his book, *The Light Shines in the Darkness*. The chapter title is *I Am With You Always: Recognizing Gods Presence in our Suffering*. One question that came in asked, *When suffering is severe and lasts for years, how does one go about not being angry at God for allowing these things to happen? Is being angry at God ever justified?* Fr. Spitzer said that we can have outbursts of anger in our suffering. God understands completely. When we suffer God knows we feel lost, alone and have difficulty staying on top of the suffering. Fr. Spitzer advises for ourselves and for our faith, we will have to choose to move beyond the suffering. For example, we cannot compare ourselves to how we once was we have to choose not to compare ourselves to others, and we have to move beyond false expectations such as, *any day now we will get that miracle*. What we do have to do is accept our suffering as from God to advance our salvation, others salvation, to deepen our love and our faith, and to help others deepen their love and their faith. We must offer our suffering as a self sacrifice united to Jesus suffering. We must get rid of any *Job Syndrome* that replays in our minds that we are righteous and do not deserve this suffering. Fr. Spitzer answered questions for the remainder of the hour.

07 14 2017 at 1900 Father Spitzers Universe 60 minutes Father Robert Spitzer answers questions on a wide range of subjects, including, Reason, Faith, Suffering, Virtue, and the Existence of God. Today Fr. Spitzer talks about near death experiences. Fr. Spitzer has reviewed this issue extensively as well as numerous studies on this issue. The take away is that we have a type of spiritual body after the soul leaves the physical body. Those that have a NDE have a memory of their life. Blind people who have a NDE see. Those experiencing a NDE say there is no more physical or emotional pain and they enter a place of extreme beauty. Relatives come to meet them and discuss things with them. Some relatives give the person a choice to go back. Others have the relative tells them they need to go back that this is not their time. Of the adults who undergo a clinical death, 20 percent of them have a NDE and see a bright light that envelopes them and gives them peace. Of the children who undergo a clinical death, 85 percent of them have a NDE and they see Jesus. 1 to 2 percent of those who have NDE have a very dark experience. All who have a NDE have no anxiety of death. Fr. Spitzer debunked all the scientists who explain NDE as some stimulation of the temple lobe. Fr Spitzer took questions for the remainder of the hour that came in via email, Facebook or Twitter.

07 21 2017 at 1900 Father Spitzers Universe 60 minutes Father Robert Spitzer answers questions on a wide range of subjects, including: Reason, Faith, Suffering, Virtue, and the Existence of God. Fr. Spitzer talks about chapter 4 of his book *The Light Shines on in Darkness*. The title of this chapter is *Take this cup away from me*. Before Fr. Spitzer gets into this chapter he talks about the new evidence regarding the Shroud of Turin. There is new evidence in the blood samples in which the scientists have discovered freons and other kinds of molecules which indicate the man who produced this blood was being tormented severely at the time the blood was produced. A question came in via Facebook asking if suffering needs to be offered up to God or does God automatically do this? Fr. Spitzer said *yes* to both. Past sins take us into the darkness and some of that darkness causes damage. God does use that suffering to help alleviate this deadly sin. The suffering leads to surrender, Lord, tell me what you want me to do? Now the person suffering is in a position to break the deadly sin. This can be accomplished on this earth or it can be accomplished in purgatory. Doug Keck asked what happens when people do not have consolation from spontaneous prayer. Two things, Fr. Spitzer said. First, when a person is focusing on the feeling of panic or hopelessness can get a hold of a person and they become obsessed with the feeling. Secondly, the accompanying anxiety about the future, which seems horrible and hopeless begins to reign on the individual. Fr. Spitzer said there are three things a person can do to break this spell. First, say a short spontaneous prayer, and repeat this prayer. Secondly, express your trust in God – He is already there pushing pas that dark door. Fr. Spitzer said do this patiently. Let it go and put it into Gods hands. Thirdly, humans are rational beings, use the inner resources. For example, ask, *What can I do to mitigate this suffering?* Make a backup plan. Once a person does this, the feelings of panic lose their grip and peace begins to reign. When Jesus healed he said, *Your faith has saved you*. Fr. Spitzer said we need to put that faith into action and Jesus will be there opening doors that will lead to your salvation or

others salvation.

07 28 2017 at 1900 Father Spitzers Universe 60 minutes Father Robert Spitzer answers questions on a wide range of subjects, including: Reason, Faith, Suffering, Virtue, and the Existence of God. This show is hosted by Doug Keck. The topic of this weeks show is Part two of the discussion on Chapter four, *Take This Cup Away from Me*, from Fr. Spitzers book titled, *The Light Shines on in the Darkness*. Doug begins by reading a comment from a listener, *I believe it is because of sin that we do not see our personal miracles from day to day, and that we do not remember the small miracles from one day to another. Complete trust in God allows us to see.* Fr. Spitzer responded that we overlook our everyday, little miracles because of sin, but also because of ignorance. Just as young children may have mystical experiences but not recognize them. It may be that by not seeing these miracles we are continuously growing in our journey, being led out of sin and darkness. God just cannot give everyone a miracle all the time or we would have no conception of natural law and we would not know what to expect next. We receive greater purification without miracles. Fr. Spitzer said that it would not be good for us if we received miracles all the time. Doug then read a quote from Fr. Spitzers book, *God works only enough miracles as his six objectives will allow.* He asked Fr. Spitzer what this means. Fr. Spitzer explained that there are six priorities that God holds higher than our suffering. After listing these six reasons, he answered Dougs questions about his book for the remainder of the hour.

08 05 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60 minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis bring young adults the life changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. This week Dan and Patrick interview Eric Groth, star and film director, founder and CEO of ODP Catholic films. Eric told his story of how he was a baseball player in high school and was trying out for pro teams. That was going to be his life. During his senior year he blew out a knee. The doctors were preparing to do reconstructive surgery. Eric went to a Net retreat at his church. He could not put any weight on the leg with the bad knee. After the presentation the Net team came over to Eric and asked if they could pray with him. So they went into the church and they prayed over him. Eric was able to put weight on that leg and walked out to his car. He was limping, but he could walk. When the doctors went in to perform reconstructive surgery, they came out and told Eric's parents that they were prepared to repair multiple tendons, and there was only this one little area they had to repair. They could not understand it. Eric knew then that God was calling him. He did play baseball a year or two into college. He received a degree in Christian Education and a Masters degree in psychology. He was a campus minister, religion teacher youth minister, etc. It was being a youth minister that he began using creativity to bring the gospel alive for the teens. This was the early 90s and they made screens and pressed the buttons on the cassette players at the right time, etc. But what this did is he began making content. People began wanting this content, and eventually it led to him finding ODP Catholic films. ODP Films have produced over 200 short films for teens. Last year they produced a long film about Mary called, *Full of Grace*. Eric believes it is important to use creativity in the New Evangelization.

08 19 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60 minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis bring young adults the life changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. This week Patrick told about his conversion story. Dan and Patrick reiterated that when we hear others testimonies it is to unlock the Holy Spirit in our own lives so that our lives are changed in a radical way. Patrick said he grew up in a Catholic home and has two uncles who are priests. In high school, he learned about other religions and came to the conclusion that all religions are equal paths to the same God. He lived a promiscuous live style and partied a lot. As a freshman in college he was partying on a porch that clasped and ruptured his spleen in three places. His father made him transfer from a state college to Franciscan Steubenville. His roommate at Steubenville was a partier whose parents made him go to Steubenville also. So the same lifestyle Patrick knew at his former college continued. After sleeping with a girlfriend, he woke up and found her cutting herself as she had such low self esteem for sleeping with him. Patrick made up his mind that he was not going to have relations with a girl again until marriage. However, he was unable to keep that promise. After becoming physical with another girl, he cried out to the Jesus to give him the strength to do what he could not do. He became involved in the faith life of Steubenville and Eucharistic Adoration, and the conversion back to the Catholic faith began.

08 26 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60 minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis bring young adults the life changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. On today's show Dan is sharing his individual testimony of the journey that brought him to where he is presently. Growing up his family went to church every week. His mother was a devote Catholic and his father was

complacent, attending Mass, but not participating in the Mass. He attended Catholic schools and was instructed by female teachers, leading him to believe that Jesus was for women. Many of the students in his class took pills and were cutters, and many of these youth sought Dan for help. His mom told him Jesus was his strength, so he tried to lead his classmates to Jesus. In high school, he attended Mass and was a member of a Catholic youth group, but was also living in the flesh. His two goals in high school were to go to Notre Dame and to excel in wrestling. During his senior year, within weeks of each other, Dan lost his match at State wrestling and received a rejection letter from Notre Dame. When he read this letter, he fell to his knees and prayed in front of the crucifix in his bedroom. At that moment, he could sense Jesus asking him, *My love for you cost me my life. What has your love for me ever cost you?* He realized he was disengaged from the loving relationship Jesus was offering him. Even though he did not yet love the Catholic Church, Dan signed up to be a missionary for Net Ministries. He had a deep devotion to Mary, but did not believe in the Eucharist. His youth minister gave him an encyclical by Pope John Paul II and told him to give a talk at a mission on Mary and the Eucharist. Once he read the encyclical, he realized and believed in the Eucharist. When Dan received Communion with full faith, he felt an outpouring of graces and had an intense desire to lead souls to Jesus. He felt the desire to become a missionary not just for one year, but for life.

09 02 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60 minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis bring young adults the life changing testimonies of ordinary people that launch them into lives of extraordinary mission for Christ and His Church. This week the men interview Elizabeth Ficocelli who has written 15 books, is a world wide speaker and a radio host as well as a wife and mother of 4 boys. She did not grow up with a family that prayed or talked about God. Yet, she always had a hunger to know God. When she was 8 year old she was crying out to God from her heart telling Him she loved Him and wanted to be with Him. She heard a voice that said, *I have a special mission for you.* When she was a young adult she went on an international pilgrimage and kept a journal about all the awesome things that happened. When she got back her pastor asked her to give a witness about her experience of the pilgrimage. People came up to her and thanked her and wanted a copy of the journal she had written. From there, she began writing articles and then books and much media work. She said her mission is still being unfolded in her life.

09 16 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis cohost Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. Their guest today is Fr. John Ignatius, founder of the new evangelization religious order, Servants of Christ Jesus. This order focuses on the preaching, teaching, and spiritual direction of young adults across America. Fr. John explained how he grew up with weak catechism in California. At the age of 16 he traveled to Europe with a group of friends, and one Protestant friend made a profound impression on him because of his faithfulness. He asked his friend how to get what he has, and his friend advised him on prayer. Fr. John encountered Jesus and made Jesus the center of his life from that point on. He now prompts people to pray and develop a relationship with Jesus as his friend did with him. St. Francis life of poverty was a great inspiration to Fr. John with the naked *self surrender* of his life. He sought and received the sacrament of Confirmation before graduating from high school and attending a Catholic university. Fr. John was also greatly inspired by the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He learned to beg God to invite him into witnessing the events of His life. By the end of college, he felt called to a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience. For the remainder of the hour, Fr. John continued to share his testimony.

09 23 2017 at 1900 Encounter 60minutes Dan DeMatte and Patrick Reis cohost Encounter and showcase personal testimonies of guests in an effort to bring listeners into a closer relationship with Jesus. Their guest today is Dave Nodar, founder and director of Christ Life, a ministry which brings new life and hope into parishes and focuses on training disciples to make disciples. Dave began by sharing his testimony. He grew up Catholic in the 1950s and 1960s in Baltimore and wanted to be like The Beatles. He learned to play the guitar, joined a band, and became a *hippie*. By the age of 19, Dave realized his ways were not giving him *life* and was profoundly impacted in four separate ways. First, his grandmother told him she was worried about him and was praying three rosaries a day for him. Second, his parents joined a bible study and asked him if he wanted to read the New Testament. Dave did and it began to consume him. Third, a young, newly ordained priest befriended him and encouraged him to get involved in the church. Finally, a fellow hippie friend of his encountered Jesus and encouraged Dave to change his lifestyle as well. Dave realized he wanted what his friend had. His friend said the first thing he needed to do was get down on his knees and pray. When he did, Dave immediately felt filled with Jesus love, it was a life changing moment. He discovered the true meaning of life is in Jesus. He also realized that for every Sacrament, God gives us graces, but we also need to do our part and give ourselves to Him. Dave recognized that there are many Catholics who do not live a Christian lifestyle, so, in an effort for people to know the love of God, Dave started a bible study.

These meetings quickly grew to 200 or 300 people. For the remainder of the show Dave spoke about how he founded Christ Life and strives to lead Catholics into a closer relationship with God.

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