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Saint Brigid School of Prayer

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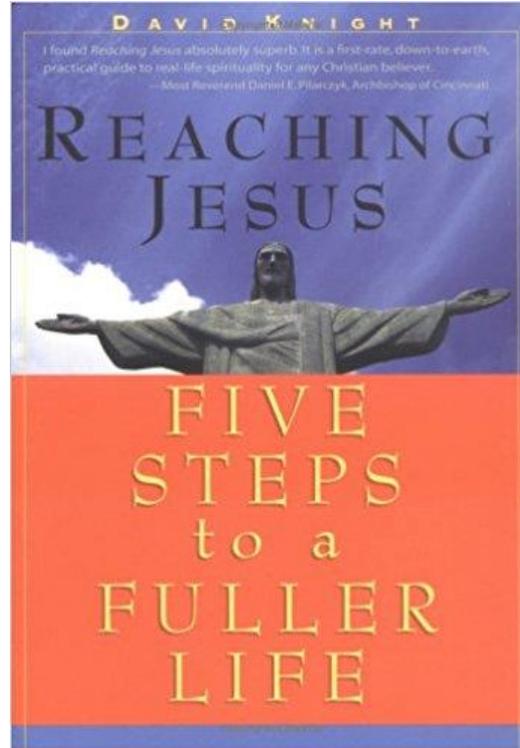
Good Teacher
This is my Son
Forgives sins
REDEEMER OF JERUSALEM
Wind and waves obey him
JOHN THE BAPTIST
Isn't this Joseph's son?
Son of Man
Elijah
Blasphemer
Lord
Son of David
The Chosen One
Sabbath Breaker
King of the Jews
LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES
Doctor
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord
Son of the Most High God
Messiah
Horn of salvation
Button
The Holy One of God
SON OF GOD
One who baptises with the Holy Spirit
Beelzebub
One of the prophets
Drunkard
Friend of tax collectors and sinners

SAY
I AM?

Summer Series Overview

SEVEN WEEKS, Tuesday 6:30-8:30

- June 19 Introduction
- June 26 Being Christian
- July 3 Being a Disciple
- July 10 **BEING A PROPHET**
- July 17 Being a Priest
- July 24 Being a King/Steward
- July 31 Celebration



First Step: The Choice to Be a Christian

“Either make Jesus an effective, operative part of everything you do, or see your life ‘miss the mark’ (the root meaning of sin).”

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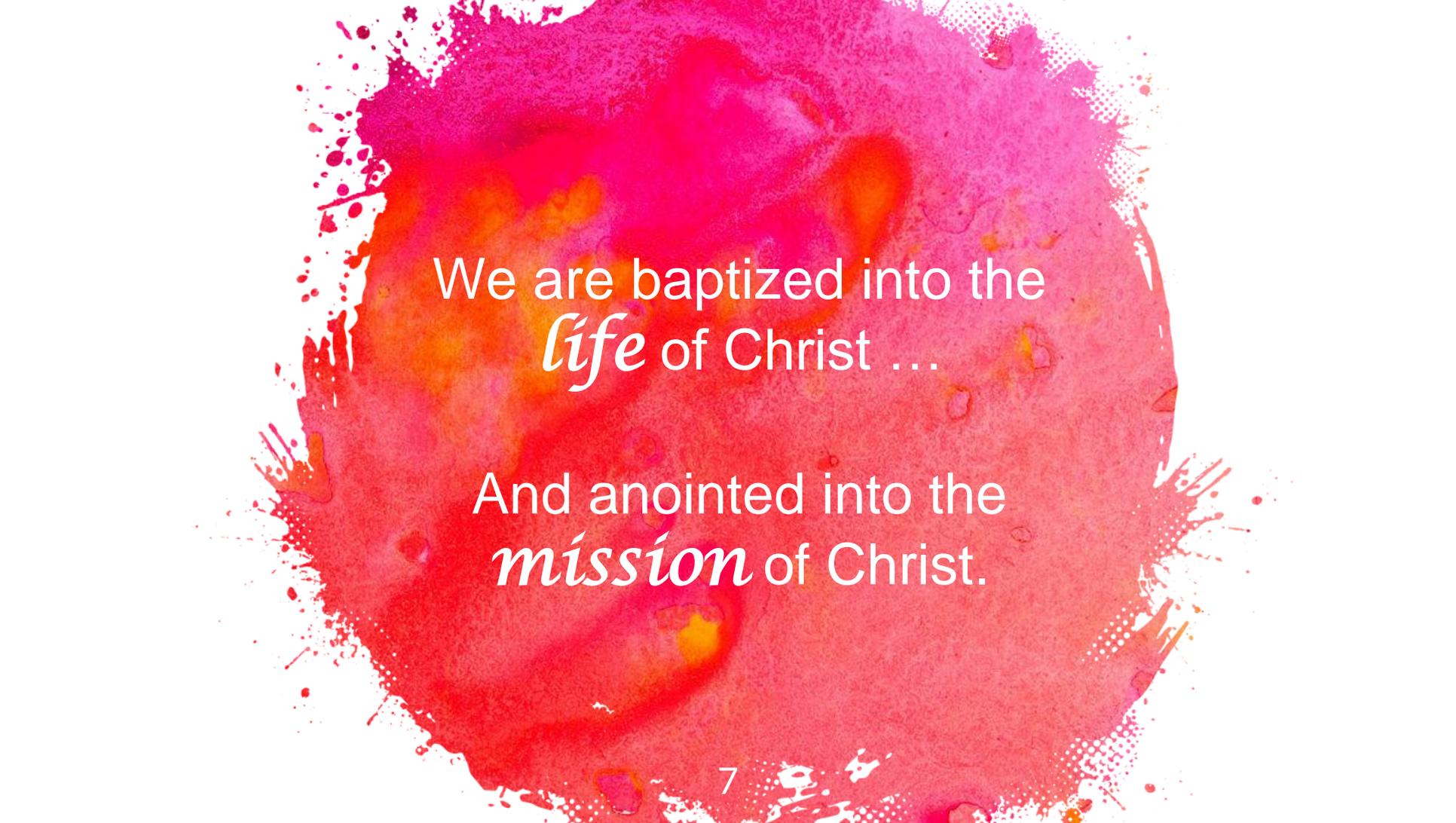
“It is not a question of more or less; it is a question of either-or.”

The Second Step to a Fuller Life: The Choice to Be a Disciple

The choice to lead a life characterized by reflection on the message of Jesus.

Since no one graduates from the school of Jesus until death, *if we are not disciples we are dropouts.*





We are baptized into the
life of Christ ...

And anointed into the
mission of Christ.

“Christ” means the Anointed One

“God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed into his holy people.

“As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

The Rite of Baptism for Children

You have been

“Christed.”

Anointed for a purpose.



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim liberty to captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to let
the oppressed go free, and to proclaim
a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Jesus of Nazareth, *Gospel of Luke 4:18*

The Third Step to a Fuller Life:

The Choice to Be a Prophet



A Christian prophet is not someone who foretells the future, but someone who creates it. *p.47*

Prophets orient their lives to bear witness to Jesus Christ, and by their lives point others to Christ.

A Christian prophet is someone who takes the general principles of the Gospel and applies them creatively to the concrete circumstances of a given time and place. *p.49*

The third step is the choice to
make everything in my life and
life-style ***bear witness to Jesus
Christ.*** *p.47*

**A prophet comes from within the
community, and risks standing alone.**

The prophet calls the people to
a new level of morality,
a new expression of grace,
a new response to the needs of our time.





Debating Ideas v. Bearing Witness

*The prophet is not talking
about abstract principles or
ideas, but the practical
application of the Gospel to
concrete circumstances.*

Second Vatican Council

The Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the ***signs of the times*** and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel.

We must therefore recognize and understand the world in which we live, its explanations, its longings, and its often dramatic characteristics.

*Gaudium et Spes, 4;
The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*

What are the signs of our times . . .

**And what does our faith have
to say about it?**

Abortion



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Immigration

“Hear this, you who trample the needy and destroy the poor of the land!” (Amos 8:4)

“Seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” (Isaiah 1:17)

“Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice” (Jeremiah 22:13)

“Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.” (Ezekiel 16:49)

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

"Thus says the Lord of hosts... do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the immigrant, or the poor." (Zechariah 7:9-10)

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God." (*Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 19:24*)

Matthew 25

Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?

“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. *(Matthew 25:44-46)*

Being a prophet presumes the first two steps – a commitment to being a Christian and a disciple:

A prophet acts as the Body of Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

We can't apply the gospel to life unless we are studying the gospel.

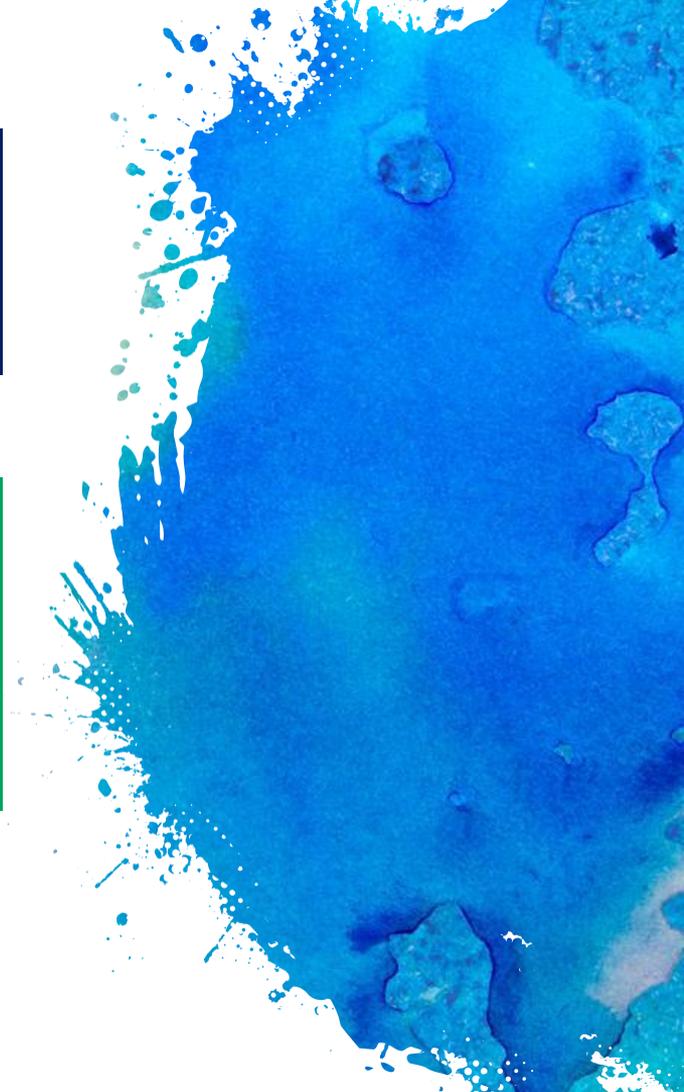
Changing the Moral Question

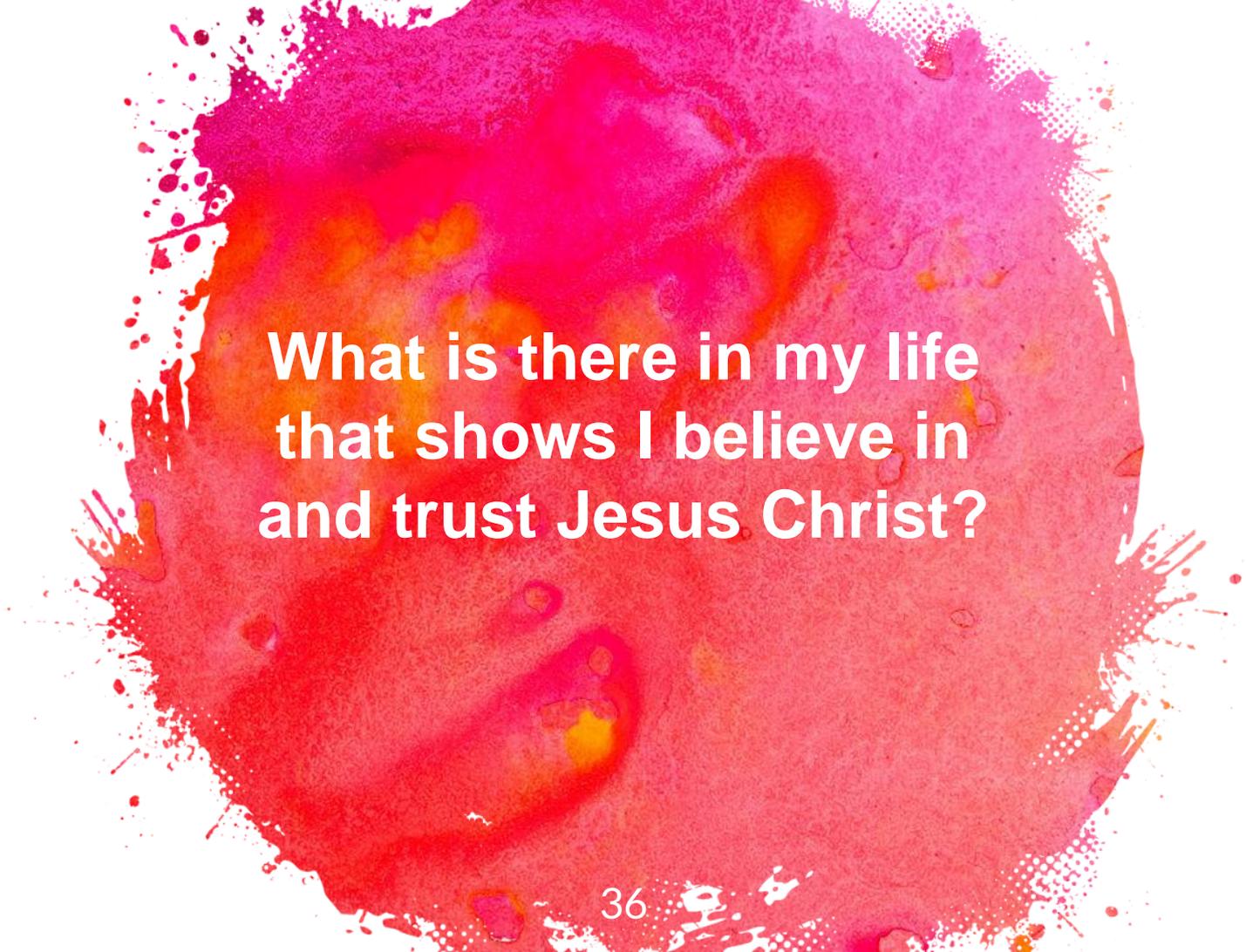
The prophet makes the choice to never ask again merely whether something is right or wrong, but whether it bears witness to Jesus Christ.

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Law observers steer by the channel markers of the 10 Commandments; their course is to keep within bounds.

Prophets steer by the fixed star that is Jesus Christ; their course is to direct their lives toward him. p.54



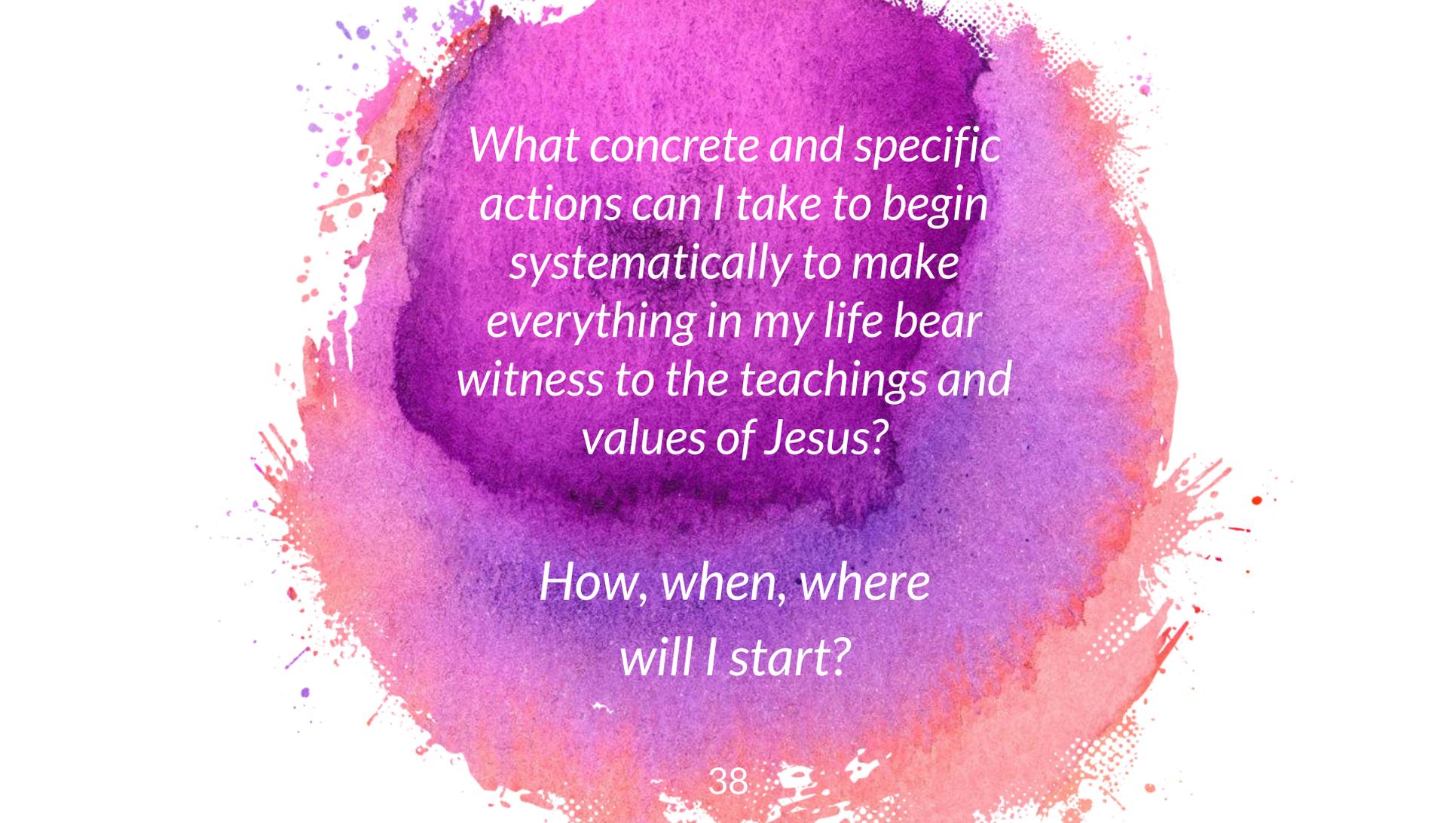


**What is there in my life
that shows I believe in
and trust Jesus Christ?**

I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 49





What concrete and specific actions can I take to begin systematically to make everything in my life bear witness to the teachings and values of Jesus?

How, when, where will I start?

Next Session

July 17, 6:30-8:30

“The Choice to Be a Priest”





Thanks!

Go in peace.

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