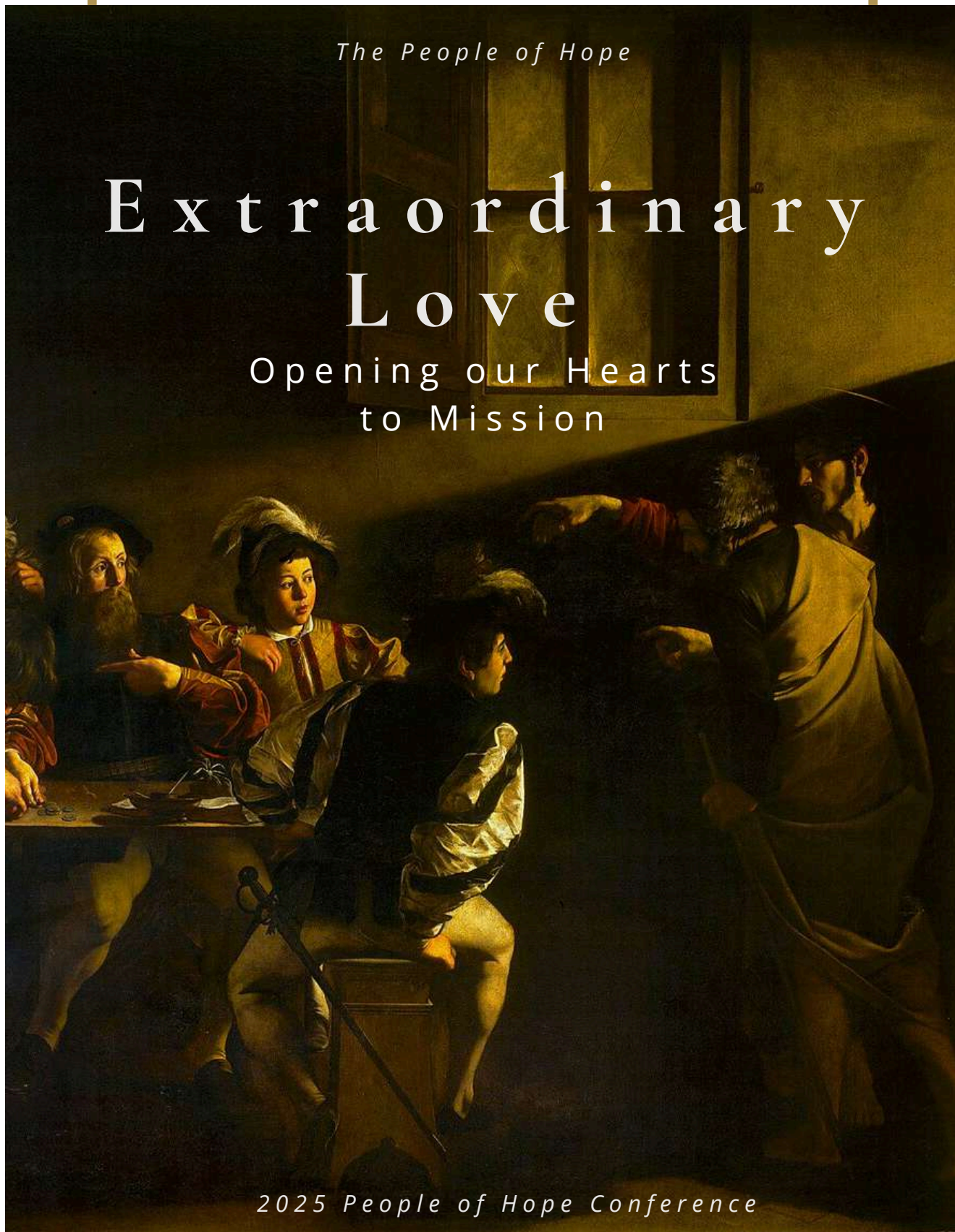


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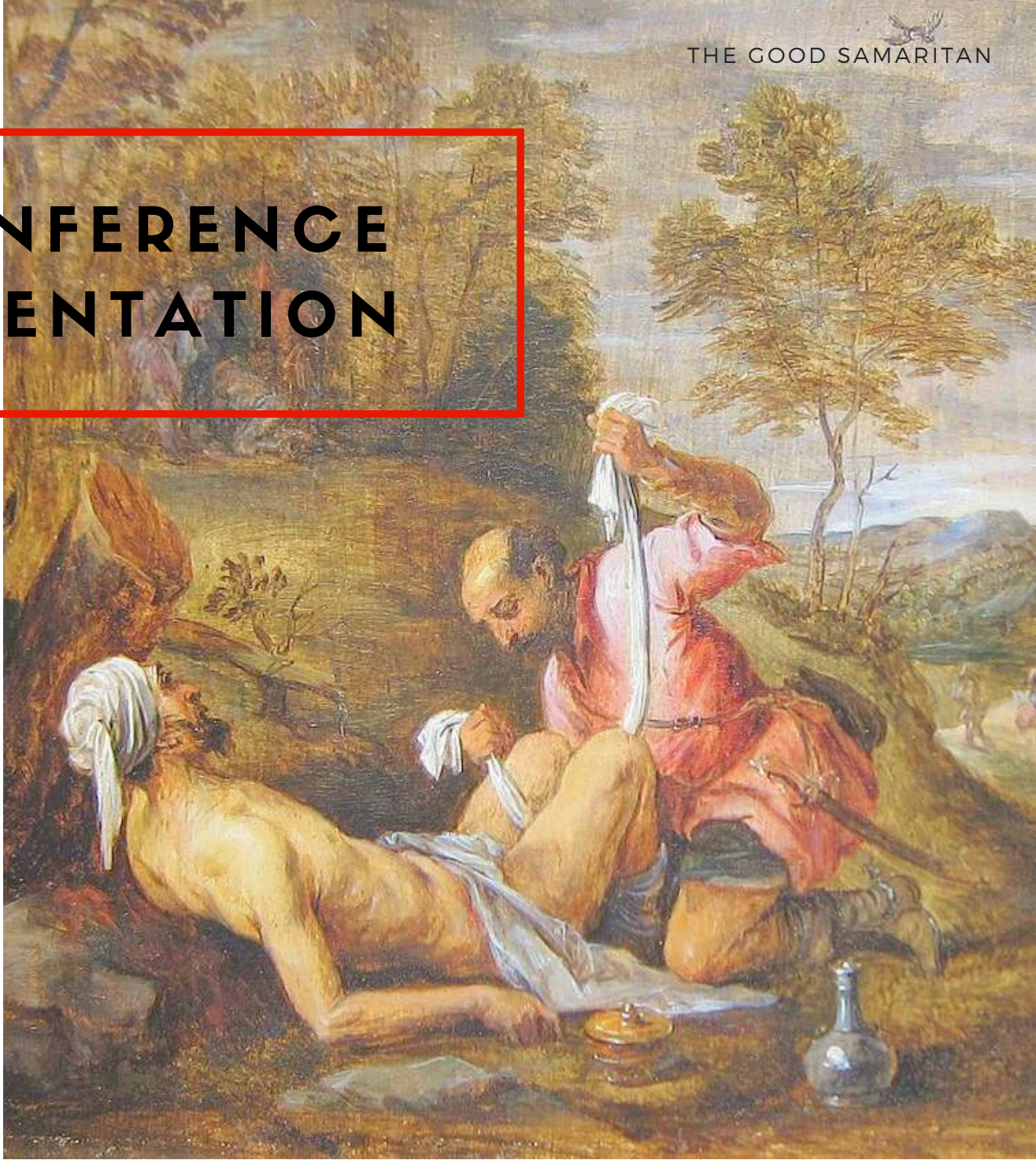
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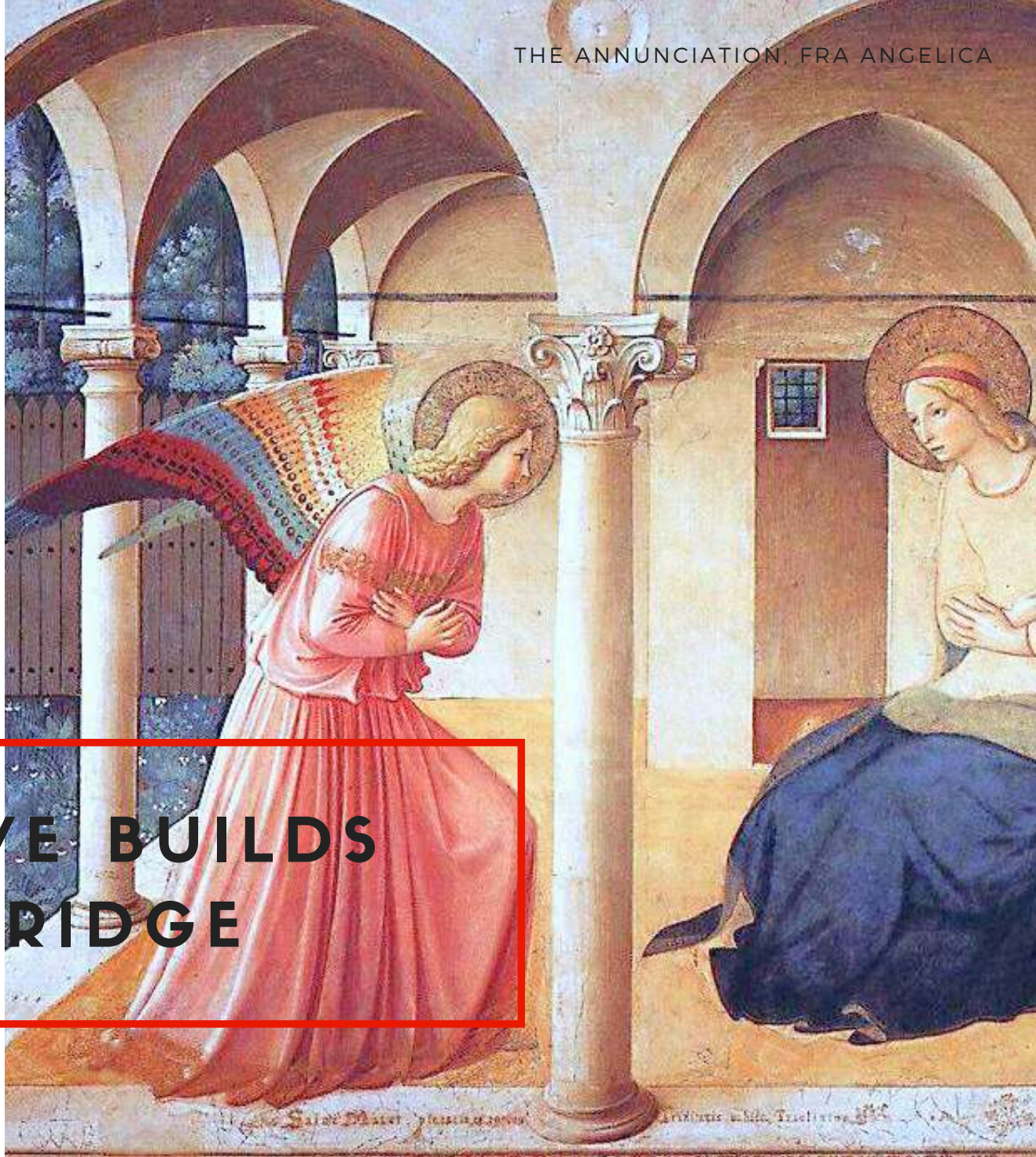
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CONFERENCE ORIENTATION





**LOVE BUILDS
A BRIDGE**

MADE FOR MISSION

Ryan O'Hara

Introduction

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

One Call

"Come after me, and I will make you _____." Matthew 4:19

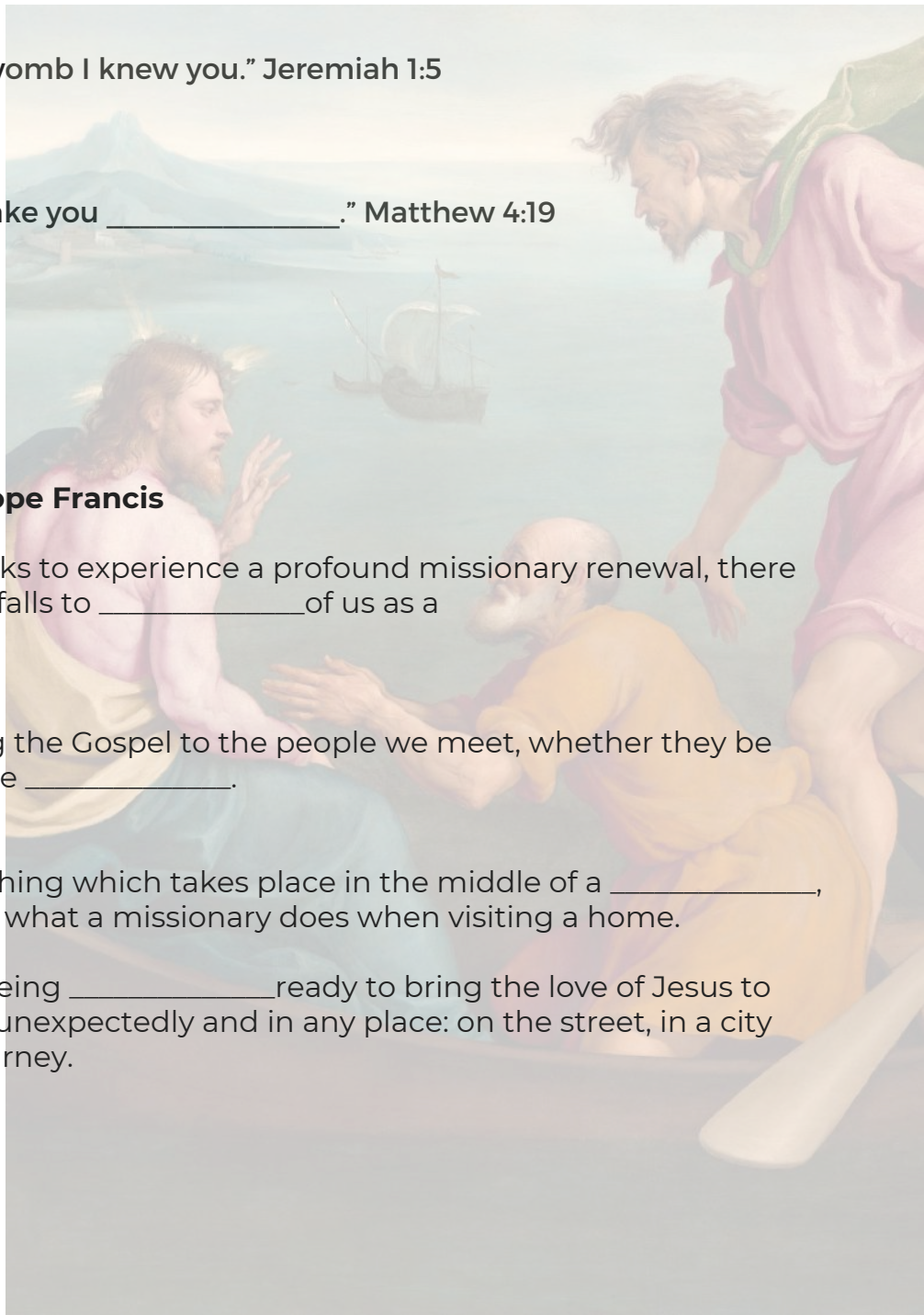
Person to Person: Two Paragraphs from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis

127. Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to _____ of us as a _____ responsibility.

127. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our _____ or complete _____.

127 This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a _____, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home.

127 Being a disciple means being _____ ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.



SHARING YOUR FAITH = IN A _____ OF GRACE BRINGING A _____ FROM GOD

128 The first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt _____.

128 Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word, perhaps by reading a _____ verse or relating a _____, but always keeping in mind the fundamental message:

- Scripture
- "I know in my life"

"It's better that I go" John 16:7

Tell the Holy Spirit: " _____."

Discussion Questions

- On a scale of 1-10, how 'ready and eager' are you to share your faith with another person? 1 is 'never', 10 is 'always'. Share how you arrived at your answer.
- If you had to share your 'testimony' on the spot, how confident are you, right now, in what you would say? To help, how would you complete this sentence: "I know in my life Jesus has _____."
- Which roles, responsibilities, or relationships in your life would be most impacted by telling the Holy Spirit: "I'm available"?

RISK OF FAITH

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Introduction

"With God we shall do _____." Psalm 60:12

- God is Love
- God has filled you with his Holy Spirit

"Ventures of Faith"

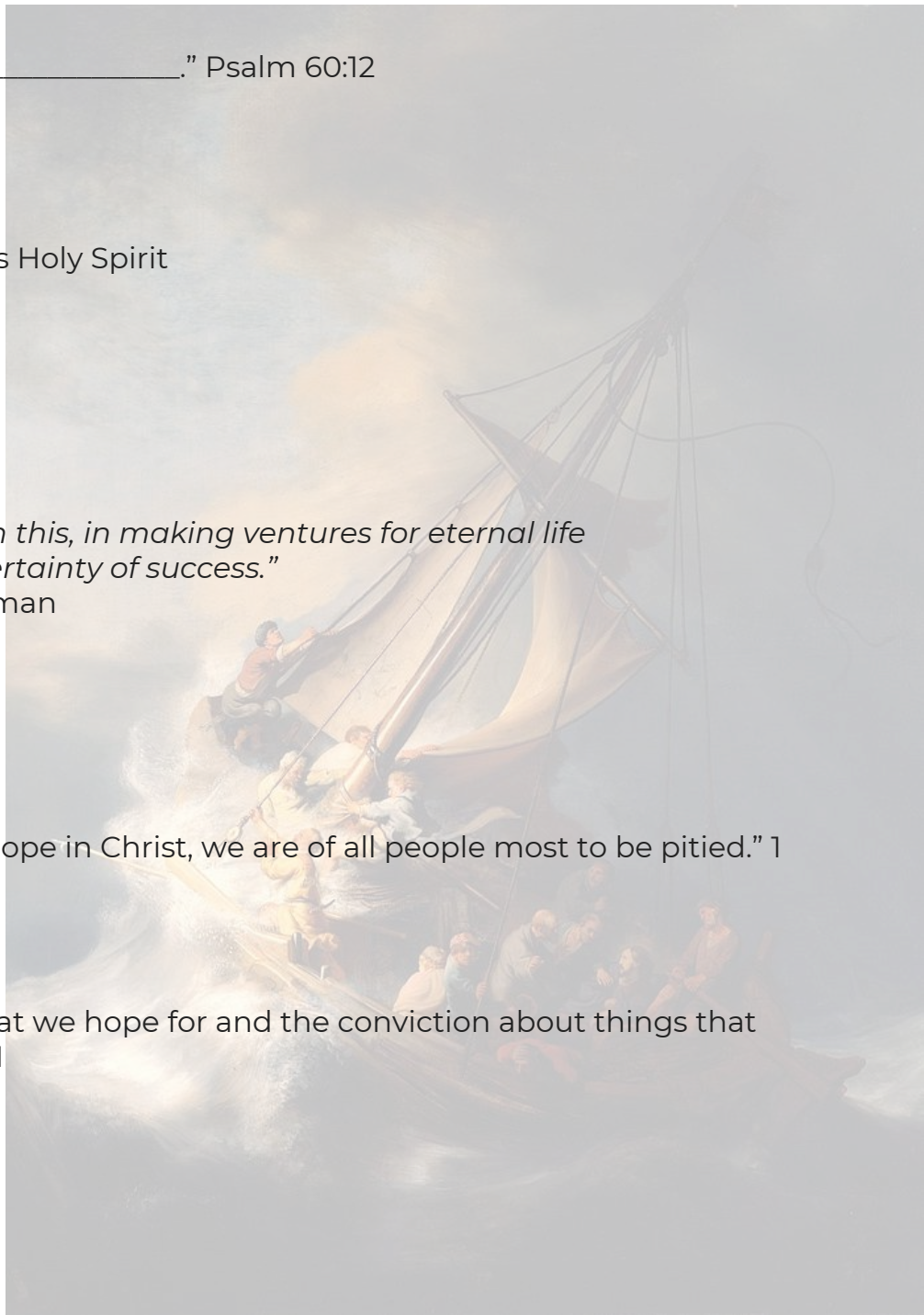
*"Our duty as Christians lies in this, in making ventures for eternal life
_____ the absolute certainty of success."*

St John Henry Cardinal Newman

Let's come back to St Paul

"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." 1 Cor 15:19.

"Faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the conviction about things that cannot be seen." Hebrews 11:1



Why don't we take risks, even for the Gospel?

F_____

R_____

S_____

Unique Role

You were created to play a _____ in the redemption of the whole world.

Q: Will you intentionally be open to and discern opportunities that you aren't able to accomplish in your own power, but rather PURSUE in FAITH, through God's power, promises, and provision?

Discussion Questions:

- What are some opportunities in your life where you believe the Lord might be inviting you beyond your resources, comfort, or expertise to love and serve others?
- Are you risk tolerant or risk averse?
- What risks have you taken, spiritual or otherwise, that you would do over again?

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L O R D ' S D A Y

P R A Y E R S

Let us thank Him this day especially for the privilege of sharing in the Great Commission. In the fullness of His revelation He has revealed the Kingdom of God inviting us to share in His mission. You have called us to be disciples on mission, bringing the gospel to all the world. Now we live with Him through the Holy Spirit, and we look for the day when we dwell with Him in Your everlasting Kingdom.

AMEN.



JESUS IS LORD!

WITH GOD WE SHALL DO
BRAVELY.



PSALM 60:12