

Human Desire and Relationships

Revelation is the self-disclosure of the living God - USCC for Adults

God passionately seeks to enter into a deep and intimate relationship with each one of us

God continuously reaches out to us and we respond to God's invitation.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." - St. Augustine's Confessions

Spiritually Proactive

The Bible is full of stories of spiritually proactive people. They were rooted in pride.

Adam and Eve
Tower of Babel
Judas Iscariot
And many more...

We don't grab God's attention or assert our will; we recognize and respond to his invitations.

Spiritually Responsive

The Bible is full of stories of spiritually responsive people. They were rooted in humility.

Abraham and Sarah Moses Blessed Virgin Mary And many more...

We turn our attention to God's pursuit of us - his revelation - and seek proper ways to respond.

Spiritually Responsive

Genesis 12:1-9 (call of Abram)

Exodus 3:1-14 (call of Moses)

Isaiah 6:1-10 (call of Isaiah)

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (call of Jeremiah)

Matthew 4:18-22 (call of the disciples)

Luke 1:26-38 (call of Mary)

Acts 9:1-9 (call of Paul)

"Still, not my will but yours be done." Luke 22:42

How Do We Respond?

Faith - a spiritual gift from God

Trust - "Jesus, I trust in You" St Faustina

Hope - "Pray, hope, and don't worry" St. Padre Pio

Humility - "Humility is dependence on God as pride is independence of Him." Fulton Sheen

Humility

Copernicus - Polish astronomer and mathematician

It's not about us

"He must increase; I must decrease" John 3:30

Prayers for humility - Litany of Humility

Summary

God desires a relationship with us individually

We respond to God's invitation to enter into a personal relationship with Him

We respond with humility, faith, hope, and trust

This is a lifelong, continuous process of responding to God's will for us.

