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**WHEN HAVE YOU FELT
FULFILLED AND USEFUL?**



Vocation by Luigi Giussani

To conceive of one's existence as in service to everything: here is the Christian idea of vocation.

The modern conception of life never shows itself so far from the Spirit of Christ as in the whole question of vocation. Today's mentality accustoms us to look to the future with a criterion focused on profit, enjoyment, and comfort.

The road to choose, the person to love, the profession to undertake, the faculty or department in which to enrol... everything is determined by the criterion of absolute utility for the individual.

"How can I make the world work to my advantage? How can I get the most out of everything and everyone?"—these are the criteria dictated by collective wisdom and pragmatism.

The Christian mentality overturns, contradicts, and represses those questions, forcing the exact opposite to the fore: "How can I give myself as I am, serve all things, the Kingdom, and Christ evermore?" This is the only educative criterion for the human personality as redeemed by the light and strength of the Spirit of Christ.

The profound availability of our complete life to the service of all things is also extremely important for understanding what it is we are called to carry out, for understanding our personal vocation. What I must do, what I must be—my vocation—does not normally emerge as a specific command, but as a suggestion, a proposal, an invitation. Vocation, which is the meaning of one's life, introduces itself more as a glimpse of a possibility than as something absolutely inevitable. The more difficult the task to be accomplished the truer this is.

In its purest and most evocative aspect, awareness is the most discreet cue: it is inspiration. Thus one confirms one's personal worth by readily agreeing to the subtlest of possibilities.



Night prayer

L. O God, come to our aid.

All. O Lord, make haste to help us.

L. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 4

HIS PRESENCE FILLS OUR LONELINESS

Ant. I trust in You, Lord,

All. and fall asleep in peace.

Ps. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; * from anguish You released me, have mercy and hear my prayer.

C1 O men, how long will your hearts be closed, * will you love what is futile and seek what is false?

C2 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom He loves; * the Lord hears me whenever I call Him.

C1 Fear Him; do not sin: * ponder on your bed and be still.

C2 Make justice your sacrifice * and trust in the Lord.

C1 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. * Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.

C2 You have put into my heart a greater joy * than they have from abundance of corn and new wine.

C1 I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, * for You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

C2 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

C1 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Ant. I trust in You, Lord,

All. and fall asleep in peace.

Rev 22:4f

R. His servants shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Responsory

R. Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

All. Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

R. You have redeemed us, Lord, God of Truth.

All. Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

R. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All. Into Your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Canticle of Simeon

Ant. Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep,

All. that we may watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace.

Ps. At last, all-powerful Master, You give leave to Your servant * to go in peace, according to Your promise,

C1 for my eyes have seen Your salvation * which You have prepared for all nations,

C2 the light to enlighten the Gentiles * and give glory to Your people Israel.

C1 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.

C2 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Ant. Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep,

All. that we may watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace.

Final prayer

L. In Your mercy, Lord, dispel the darkness of this night. Let your household so sleep in peace, that at the dawn of a new day, they may joyfully awaken in Your name. through Christ our Lord.

All. Amen.

L. May the Lord grant us a restful night and a perfect end.

All. Amen