

## **January 11, 2015 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

Word: We are not comfortable to come to the water, it's muddy, deep, we need to trust Him to sustain us, we need to remove self-reliance, comforts and apathy.

Word: Be prepared, seek Him every way, seek His will. I am in your midst. My will must prevail. Don't hesitate to ask I will show you and give you strength and courage by my power and might." Eph. 1:2 He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...adoption to Him...because of His will...grace...redemption...He made known His will to us.

Word: Take risks, increase our faith so that we are willing to take risks.

Reading: Phil. 3:7-16: Gain is now loss, all is loss in light of surpassing knowledge of Jesus. Christ is our wealth. Justice is faith in Christ. Trust Christ in His resurrection. I am racing to grasp the prize. Pushing on to the finish line, which is life on high with Jesus. God will clarify the difficulty for you.

Reading: Heb. 6:10-11: Maturity – go deeper. Go from milk to solid food. Show zeal to the end. Vision of flame, old fire is burning among us, there is work to continue.

Reading: 1Pt. 2:9-10: You are a chosen race, royal priesthood holy nation, a people of His own-God's people. We receive mercy-expand our hearts to whole world-intercession reclaims the nation-announces His praises-receives His mercy.

Reading: Jn. 15: Love one another-laydown one's life is the greatest gift. I call you friends. I chose you to bear fruit. Ask the Father in my name and He will give you. They will persecute you. They will put you out because they don't know the Father or me.

Reading: Heb. 8:8: A new covenant. Behold days are coming when I will effect a new covenant. I will put my law in their mind and hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No need to teach, all will know me, I will have mercy on them and remember their sins no more.

Prayer word: Help us to know your heart and holy will and be open to your graces. Help me not to pray for what I want, but for your (His) will. Forgive us for selfish prayers.

Reading: Rm. 8:15: Spirit of Adoption (confirmed).

Prayer word: Holy Spirit is friend and will take us into truth and love. Love between the Father and Son going between each other. Love each other. Lay down life for each other. Awaken to us His love and warms us with His love through Christ. All is rubbish, just Christ and His Holy Spirit. It's like we're coming (going) to the super bowl.

Sharing on Global Awakenings: 1. If you are living on what the Holy Spirit did 20 years ago, you need to see what he is doing for you currently more recently, don't live off the left-overs of 20 years ago. 2. Blessed are the explorers and pioneers, they will burn their boats and not look back. Story of the Moravian community young people selling themselves into slavery to spread the gospel to slaves and the community supporting them with prayer and encouragement from ashore at each port.

## **March 8, 2015 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

Reading: **Psalm 95: Praise and Obedience. We are God's people.**

Confirmation: Vision of Our Lady dropping violet petals – our praise gives opportunity to send graces everywhere, especially in sorrow. How does Mary dispense graces? Mary as mediator of the Redeemer sharing in one source of grace.

Discussion: CC #968-970 Holy Spirit as bride, spouse of Holy Spirit, Immaculate is her name.

Discussion: Ps 95, what is the most stubborn spot that keeps you from entering into His rest? What do you refuse to do for the Lord?

Sharing: Don't take this (worship) for granted. Many are not able to keep holy the Sabbath, free worship is a gift.

Sharing: Mary as dispenser of grace. Mary's request at the Wedding at Cana reflection. He cannot refuse – her heart is tender. If we come to her, she cannot deny us and she will go to God and He cannot deny her. Mary's possible response to Jesus: "I know it's not your time, but these people need this now."

Reflection: Sin came into the world between a husband and wife (man and woman), salvation came through a mother and son by obedience to God in Jesus' death on the cross. The mother son relationship is strongest on the planet.

Sharing: October Baby Movie-the power of forgiveness.

Magnificat sharing: "Source of Grace" Now and at the hour of our death – Annunciation gives reasons for hope – transforming the world by her fiat at the annunciation. She wants our yes as well. In conceiving God she became the source of grace which the Lord would pour forth to all mankind. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Sharing:

Mary could be saying the invitatory Ps 95, "Now don't be stubborn"

Mary was at Pentecost as the attraction of the Holy Spirit and the spouse of the Holy Spirit.

We need each member of community; you have much to offer the whole community.

Example of Seminarians working with evangelistic groups outside the church in holy land, relationships in God last forever throughout the generations.

Satan will try to destroy the links in the chain of relationships, but they will not be destroyed.

Sharing on image of lost keys which open everything. Jesus giving the keys to the kingdom, there are keys which must come together, faith and reason, men and women, forgiveness and blessing, protestant and catholic, catholic and Jewish, priest and lay, for a miracle of unity.

Confirmation: How do we model God's love, with every person?

Sharing: We need to love the way God loves. How does Jesus speak when we are in pain? Love, respect, value every person, tender, compassionate, forgiven, seducing them to Him, that is how we make the church a welcome place. The

lost and broken are welcomed home to the family of God. Best way to teach others about God is to model His love to others. We need to be humble and open.

Sharing on ministering to street kids.

2 Cn: Compassion.

Sharing on priest sitting down with kids on floor during penance service, changing in an instant from unwelcoming to welcoming by the priest, like Jesus.

### **April 12, 2015 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

Reading: **Isaiah 37:30-35**

Sharing: Parable of the sower. Plant growing out of a crack. You could be a sign of hope to others.

Reading: **1 Corinthians 3:5-9**

### **May 17, 2015 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

**Is 40:1-11:** “The Road Home” Comfort my people, make a highway for God, valleys will be filled in and mountains made low, all men shall see it. The word of God is forever. Cry out about God from the mountaintop. He carries the lambs with care.

**Heb. 6:10-12:** God does not overlook the love you have shown the saints. Persevere in the virtues (faith hope and love) so that you will inherit the promises. Do not be sluggish.

**Hosea 11:8-11:** How can I leave you? I will not destroy you. I am God not a man. I will resettle them in their homes says the Lord.

Vision - Flint striking making a spark, arranging kindling so that the fire can spread. Like relationships, unity of all man made divisions.

I will not let the flames consume you. Like a burning bush as a signal to the nations. Don't be afraid of the fire of God.

**Rm 10:9-10:** Confess and believe on the Lord and you will be saved. Confident trust in the Lord and His ability to work in us. It's God's ability and His work in us. God can do it.

**2 Corinthians 3:** “Confidence in God's Sufficiency” Confidence in Christ not in us. Minister of a new covenant. The written code kills but the Spirit gives life.

Witness: Discussion about the network of believers in the area.

### **June 14, 2015 POGC Gathering Readings and Words (Summary notes)**

**Ps 29: Ascribe to the Lord (the voice of the Lord):** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, shakes the wilderness. May the Lord bless His people with peace.

Word: I know your worries and troubles. Your hearts are large and have room for my joy and peace. Your hearts need to swell with thanksgiving, because I made them, fashioned them to be full of love peace joy and gratitude, not just worries.

**Luke 18:1-9:** Parable of judge and widow - Pray always and never lose heart. Because of the persistence of the widow the unjust judge ruled in her favor, how much more with our righteous Father speedily vindicate His elect?

**2 Cn 8:1-15: Liberal Giving:** The grace of God in His church in the midst of sever trial has resulted in an overflowing joy and great generosity even though there is a great poverty. You need to finish the good work began in you. Give according to your means. The relief of others ought not to impoverish you. A certain equality should result so that “you that had much, had nothing over, and you that had little, had no want.

Sharing: About getting out of the boat like and sinking like a rock. We need to have faith in Jesus and not in ourselves.

Sharing: We need to have gratitude for all God has done over the years. It is hard to measure virtue, like joy, but if we focus on God he will give us peace. Sometimes we may need to loose what we have in order to appreciate it. How can you be joyful in sadness? Because joy comes from God and He helps us work through our sadness. Loving each other sometimes depends on us forgiving others and letting go of our pride and ego to forgive and love others. Lord, help us to grow in love of others. Lord we need your grace every day. Help us to have mercy.

Sharing: To those given much, much is expected. We need to grow in generosity, where your treasure is, there is your heart.

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## **GG WORDS 9/13/15**

**Matt 16:24-28:** If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For he that will save his life will lose it and he that will lose his life for my sake will find it.

Vision: Grapes being crushed (pain) as an offering that I will use for grace of restoration to the world (like the new wine of the church, precious in God’s eyes are the death of His faithful ones)

Word: Prepare your hearts as I prepare the way. Have compassion, repentance and mostly love as I prepare the way. Get rid of all that is not me so that you can be me to touch the lives of others, receive the depth of love that you have never received before. The Holy Spirit will prevail with favor if you listen and don’t despair. Be not fearful of discouraged, just listen, open your ears and hearts and souls and minds. My will be done.

Vision: Image of Mother Teresa (unselfish) how many lives she touched even in her dry times.

Word: No longer think of yourselves but think of my people.

Sharing: (Life in the Spirt outlines) The seven teachings correspond to the Kerygma. The core teaching is God’s love, selfless love. We need to let go of worldly love and be selfless. Wide is the path to destruction, narrow is the way of life. This is the truth, and sometimes can seem depressing, but we need to be encouraged that through Christ we can be saved.

**2 Cn 1:3 and following:** Encouragement in any affliction, because of Christ's sufferings and endurance.

**Rm 11: 33-36:** The riches of God (who knows God's mind?) from Him, to Him, and through Him, are all things, to Him be the glory forever.

Sharing: About carrying the cross. We can choose to do it reluctantly, joyfully, mindlessly or embrace it. We need to embrace it, God's will be done. Jesus learned obedience from what He suffered.

Sharing: Jim's Dad in a dream, embracing the cross after being diagnosed. At first he was angry, but after being reminded that "you have had a wonderful life", he never complained again, he became selfless in suffering. Then consolation came in a dream when considering purgatory, Dad called and said "I'm OK, but I had to make some changes."

**1Cn 13:13** Be on guard stand firm in faith, your every act should be done in love.

Sharing: About the Life in the Spirit curriculum being developed by Callie. Also the linking of Life in the Spirit seminars by the CCR with youth retreats in parishes in Green Bay.

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## **December 2, POG Special Meeting**

**Vision/Word:** Blessed Mother at Cana, presenting the problem to Jesus and then saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Why do we have the best wine for last? She takes us to her son to help us with our problems. He puts new wine in us, the old wine will come out. Are we holding on to the old wine and not accepting the new?

**Sharing:** Come to me in worship, praise & thanksgiving and listen for my word. Open up and listen for my will.

**Reading, Psalm 90:** Fill us at daybreak with your love, make us glad. Prosper the work of our hands for us. (His work will come through humble hearts).

**Meditation on Wedding at Cana:** The six empty water jars are the six continents to be transformed in His glory in an instant.

(Note – 7 continents - - - Asia, Africa, N America, S America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.)