

The Decisive Encounter: Transformation from the Heart

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The heart of a priest is a revelation of the love of Jesus Christ Himself. Every man whom God has called to be His own as a priest bears the glorious imprint of Christ Himself. How does a priest live in the rich foundation of who he truly is and allow Jesus to come and transform him ever more deeply, no matter what he may be facing? In this talk, we delve into the identity of a man and priest, the ache for the interior life, transformation and a life poured out and how the power of intimacy with Jesus Christ transforms the world, beginning with the heart of every priest.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What impacted you the most from the talk and what challenged you the most?
2. What is your first love? How did Christ call you to Himself as His priest?
3. How do you experience your identity as son, brother, bridegroom, and father?
4. What does your interior life look like with Christ and where in particular is He bringing you into deeper communion, intimacy, and healing?



SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATION

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”



RESOURCES

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