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"You duped me, Oh Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me and you triumphed."

This expression of Jeremiah marked my life to be able to answer the call of God. Since I was a child, I remember that I always felt the desire to serve the Lord as a priest. As I grew up and were more willing to participate in the things of God, I wanted to discover that special, perfect, loving person whom we worship and we call God. In time, my passion to learn and know what was that divine mystery, I fall in love and to date He satisfies all my being that I have no room for another love other than his. I come to the conclusion, that God has a delicate and gentle ability to conquer every heart, to make that personal relationship between him and me stronger. In this way, that is not easy, but exquisite for its experience, I discover that the only thing God expects from me it's to appreciate and be aware of what awaits me after having gone through so many adversities, problems and even illnesses or disappointments. Nothing, no one can fill that void of love, but only who created me because his love is infinite and motivates me every day to overcome my shortcomings and imperfections. St. Paul, in the letter to the Romans, expresses that joy of living as God commands, not because we become the enslavees of his word or will, but because it is what gives us fullness, enthusiasm, desire to live healthy, without worldly prejudices and vain that only destroy the human image created by the love of God. A good Christian who lives according to the commandments of God is a free Christian, willing to defend justice and fight for the common good. A Christian who gets carried away by desire of this world, called (material, political or social interest) is a frustrated, selfish, bittered, refusing, selfless, failed, cowardly Christian, and also loses the opportunity to love and to be loved, loses his Salvation and will make many people around you to also lose it. In Peter example, when answers Jesus: *"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."* (Gospel of Matthew) but Jesus replies, *"Get behind me satan. You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* Of course, it was not God's thought for a son who had known his love, who had followed him everywhere and had witnessed many miracles. So what happens to me? Why do I sometimes give in to the inner fear and hide inside myself with false attitudes and vain answers is that I have not followed the Lord for a long time? Perhaps I have not heard his word and take his body?, then why I keep thinking like men? When did I change my mind and attitude? When will I decide to live differently as God asks and demands? How long? How long will I be seduced by his love? How long will I trust him? How long? Will it be at the end of my life, when I am tired and with little strength, or when I am strike by illness or tragedy?

The time is today, leave your fear, leave your prejudices, leave your laziness, think and seek to live as a true Christian, defend your faith and never compare it to worldly philosophies and mediocre, defend your vocation as married, single or consecrated, defend justice, as a means to live in peace and harmony with everyone.

Let your soul seek God and be filled with him, then you will find rest and feel your burdens lighter, because the love of God is great, is deep, it is so wide that nothing and no one, nor human thought will exceed it.

If I am here, it is not to fill a space or occupy a place, if I am here it is because his love conquers me and I feel so small before his presence but at the same time so beloved that this place is not big enough. He has won me and I am willing to suffer and die for him and his divine righteousness.

Let us go now to celebrate the table of the Eucharist and we will ask that by feeding us, we delight in his love. As we ask in the responsorial Psalm: *"Lord my Soul is thirsty for you."* Amen.