



THE FATHER'S UNFOLDING PLAN Weekly Notes - 11/22/15

PRAXIS: DISCERNING THE FATHER'S UNFOLDING PLAN ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE (TESTIMONY: Pat and Ken Chivers)

I. OPENING PRAYER:

*Merciful Father,
in the name of our lovable Jesus,
of the Virgin Mary and of the Saints,
I ask You to set me on fire
with Your Spirit of Love
and grant me the grace
of making You deeply loved. Amen.*

II. HOW MY SEARCH FOR GOD BECAME MY WAY OF LIFE

A. Discernment

1. Meditation on the Word of God
2. Prayer - Personal Prayer and Couple Prayer
3. Listening to God
4. Step out in faith

- B. Keep the soil of our hearts cultivated through on-going sanctification and growth of virtue
 - 1. Purification (Penitential Act)
 - 2. Illumination (Liturgy of the Word)
 - 3. Union (Holy Communion)
- C. Daily discernment and “serious” discernment during turning points in our lives
- D. In hindsight, we see God’s hand in our lives as his mysterious plan unfolds bringing challenges, great joy, meaning, love, and purpose
- E. Our life is an on-going discernment of the Father’s Plan
- F. Thankfulness for God’s mercy— Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins December 8 - Pope Francis calls “a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.”
(Misericordiae Vultus 3).

III. TABLE TALK QUESTIONS & MISSION

- 1. Discerning God’s Plan is a daily, life long challenge. Where am I now in accepting the fact that the Father calls me to make this my way of life?
- 2. Think of a time when you discerned the Father’s Plan for a particular situation or challenge. What led you to know what the Father’s Plan was in that instance or circumstance?