

First Lent Encounter: Desire

Read slowly and attentively a few times: 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:1-2

Starter Prayer: "God give me the desire to desire what you want me to desire"

New beginnings is necessary. Today is a new beginning. To know that you were made for so much more. Even if you do not feel it *yet*, ask for a new and even unknown desires. For you will eventually get what you really desire.

It is the Holy Spirit doing the desiring at your deepest level. Therefore you will get nothing less than what you really desire and almost surely much more.

You are the desiring of God. God desires through you and longs for Life and Love through you and in you. Allow it, speak it, and you will find your place in the universe of things.

You cannot begin to desire something if you have not already slightly tasted it. Now make that deep and hidden desire conscious, deliberate and wholehearted. Make your desires good and far-reaching on the this day of new beginnings. You could not have such desires if God had not already desired them first- in you and for you and *as* you!

Remember that the ashes that are created from the burnt palms of last Palm Sunday. New beginnings invariably come from old false things that are allowed to die.

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