

What do You want me to do for you?



Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

How can we find meaning in our lives? A question too often asked. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we can help each other in God's holy name. We can extend ourselves in a manner that uses our blessings in the most helpful ways. We can be kind, patient, compassionate, and respectful to each other in all that we think, do, and speak. We can glorify our Lord by loving His children. We can open our hearts and get out of our own way with all its human frailties and strive to be our best. This mindset is an act of faith that lingers and creates ripples of hope and strengthens others faith.

In Mark 10:51, we are reminded that "Jesus said to him,

'What do you want me to do for you?' "

What if we lead our lives with this question? What if we asked ourselves, *what would Jesus want me to do?* In all circumstances, joyful or in suffering, we can ask ourselves this question. The question is simple, profound and can guide the meaning we create in our lives while sharing the blessings that we have been generously given. Imagine a life of war, conflict, hunger, suffering and disease that is beyond our remedy. *If not for the grace of God*, this might be our life. Glorify God in the way you take care of others. Glorify God by being the best version of yourself. It sounds difficult. It isn't. All we need do is be patient, take a deep breath and then respond *as you think God would want of you*. We can all do this. Yes, it may be trying. Yes, acting with kindness can drain our resources but never let kindness be confused with weakness. The strength of God's precious love is always there to guide us and strengthen us. Let us pray to be an amplification of God's love in this world. *Amen*.