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“DOING THE JOB RIGHT.”

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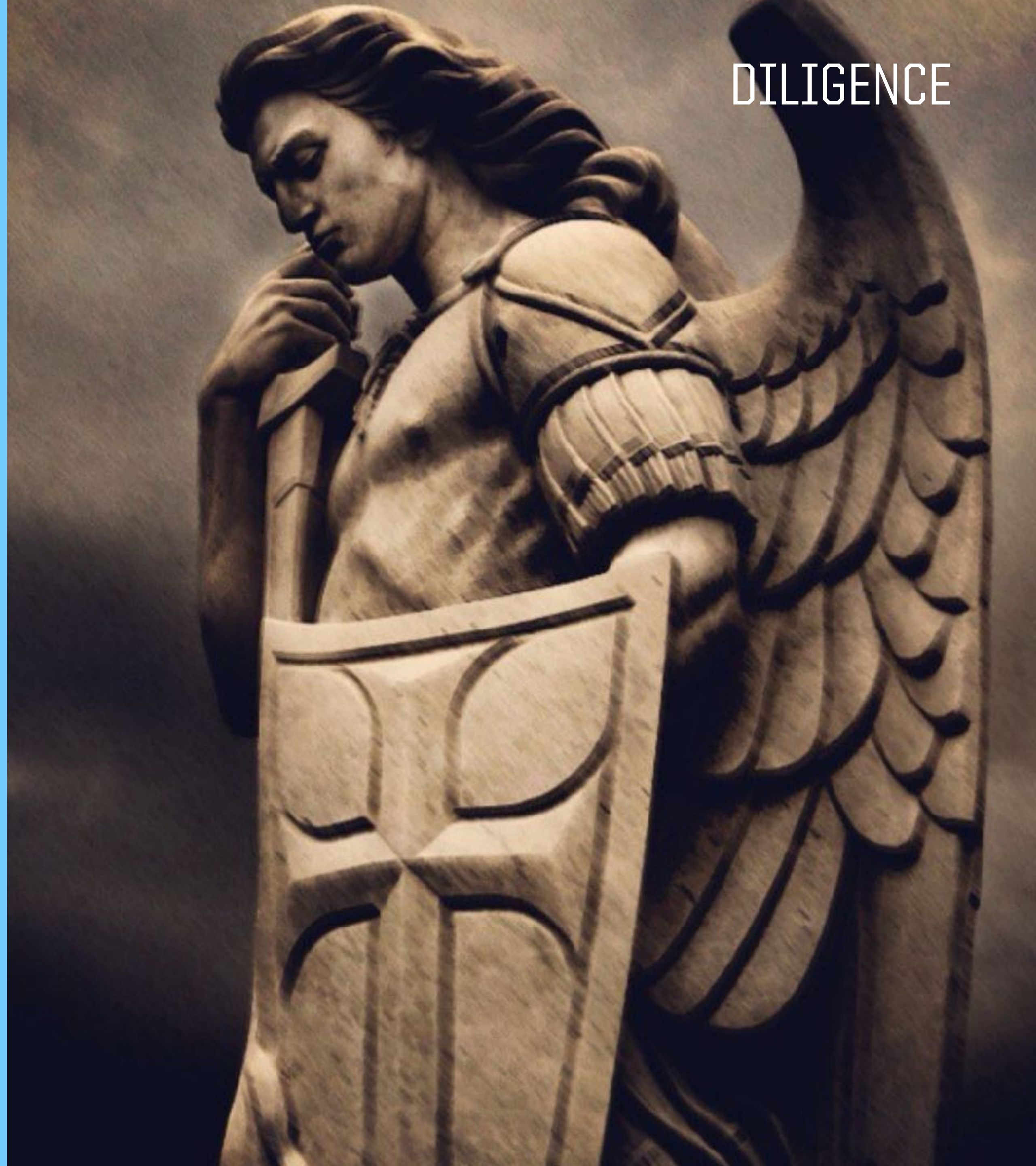
OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Trinity, I beg You, deliver me from Sloth and Indolence and grant me the self-mastery of Diligence.

Rather than being disinterested, bored, or lukewarm in my desire to draw close to You, inspire me to be filled with a fervent and persistent hunger to know, love and serve You.

Rather than being lax and inconsistent in my devotion to You, give me the will and discipline to keep a routine of daily, weekly and seasonal devotional practices as directed by Your Holy Catholic Church.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of JUSTICE is DILIGENCE.

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Other words or synonyms for DILIGENCE ARE:

Hard-Work
Attentiveness
Commitment
Persistence

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CHALLENGE

Let's put our **DILIGENCE** into action!

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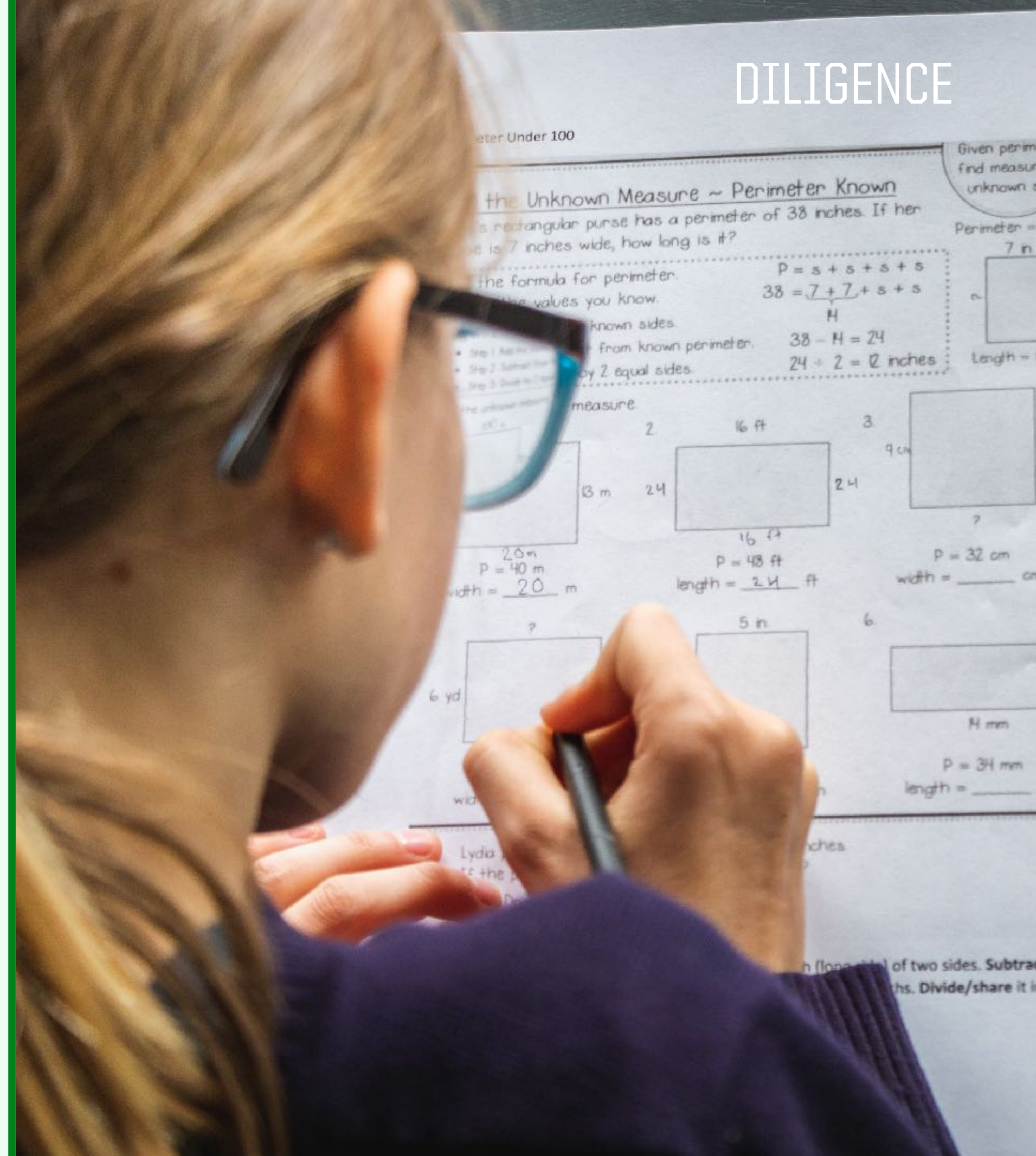
RESOLUTION

Make a special effort to complete your homework or other special task with tireless dedication.

Pay attention to all the details.

Really give your best effort.

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WHAT DOES DILIGENCE LOOK LIKE?



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SAINT STORY

ST. LAURA MONTOYA

1874-1949

First Canonized Saint from Colombia. Canonized May 12, 2013

Feast Day October 21

Maria Laura Montoya was born in Jerico in Colombia in 1874, just before the start of the Colombian Civil War in which her father was killed. This left her family with no one to provide for them. Laura was sent to live with her grandmother, where she was very lonely and felt abandoned by her family. She spent much time in prayer and in reading Scripture, even as a child, to overcome this loneliness.

As the girl grew older, her mother needed financial help and wanted her daughter to train as a school teacher to earn money. She was sent to teach the indigenous peoples of Colombia and eventually began working as a missionary to them by teaching about the Catholic faith as well.

By the time she reached her early 20s, Laura very much wanted to become a cloistered Carmelite nun, but her experience as a missionary left her with a desire to spread the Gospel to others, particularly people who were discriminated against such as the native groups she had worked with. In 1914 she founded the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Immaculate Mary and Saint Catherine of Siena. She left the city of Medellin, where she had lived, and traveled to the jungles by mule to live among the native people.

Although the bishop supported her work, many other Christians felt the effort was wasted. Laura ignored the criticism. Her spiritual writings were aimed at her nuns, helping them better to understand their call to serve God among the native peoples of South America. Mother Laura, as we was known by her sisters, spent the last nine years of her life in a wheelchair in great pain. She died October 21, 1949, in Medellin. Today, the sisters of her order work in 21 countries in the Americas, Africa, and Europe.

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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

Let's remember what it means to be DILIGENT:

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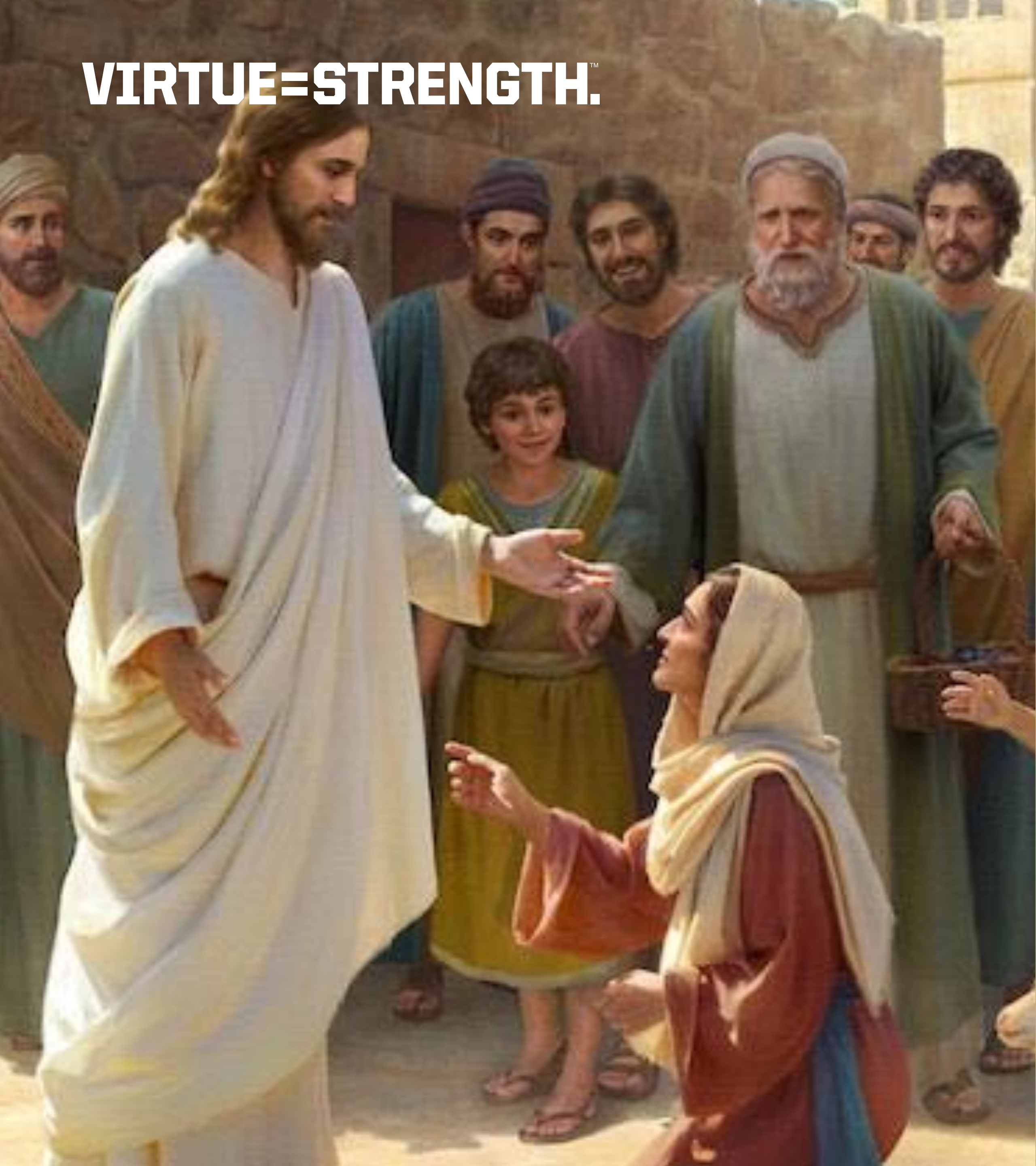
Your coach tells you that you need to put in some extra time to build some particular skills (free-throw shooting in basketball for example).

You don't have much extra time.

You are very busy.

How do you handle this situation?





LUKE 4: 40-43

At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

And demons also came out from many, shouting, “You are the Son of God.” But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them.

But he said to them, “To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.”

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***“Pray as though everything depended
on God.***

***Work as though everything depended
on you.”***

- St. Augustine



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*“How could I bear a crown of gold
when the Lord bears a crown of thorns?
And bears it for me.”*

- St. Elizabeth of Hungary



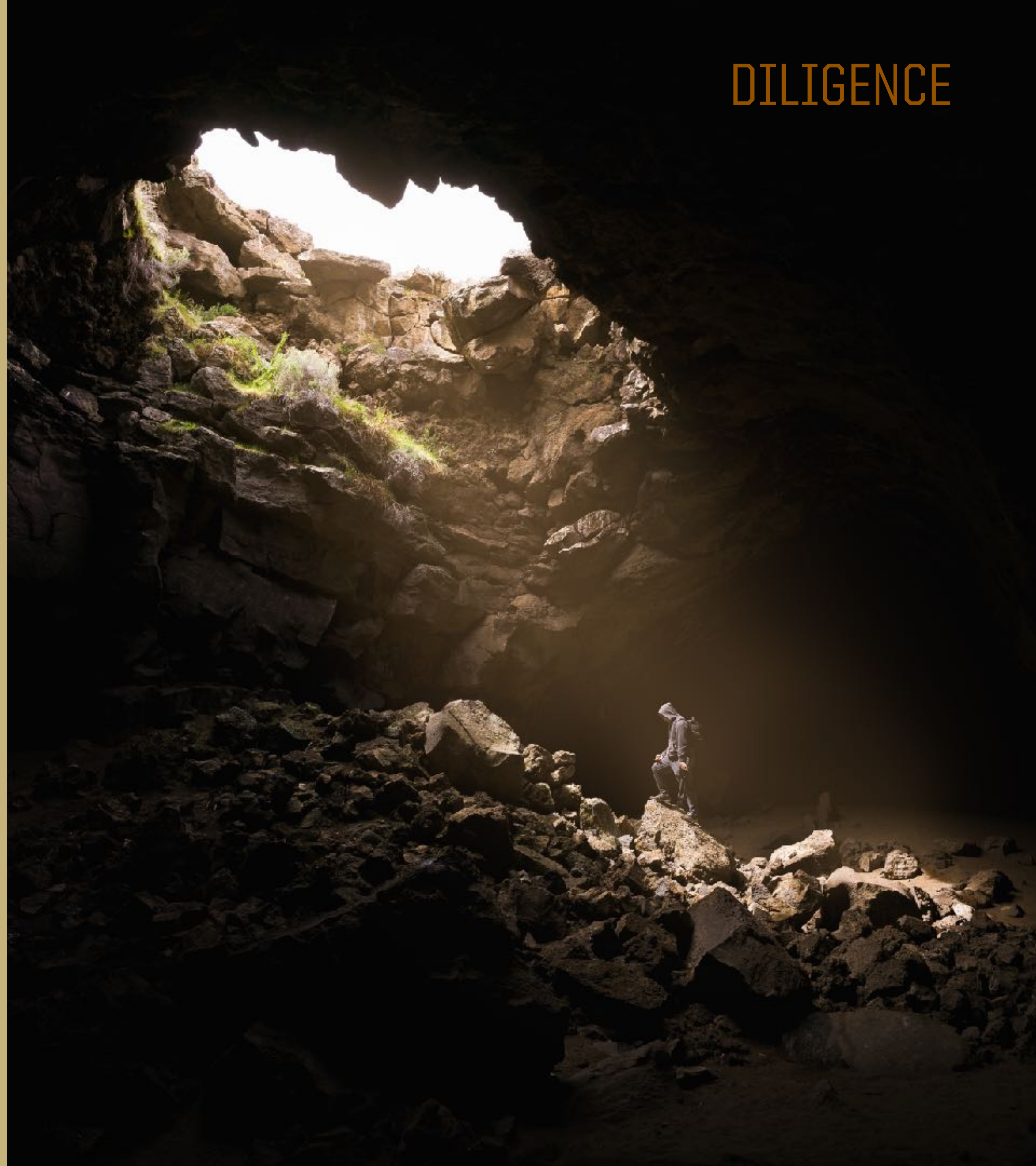
*“The way to Heaven is straight and
narrow:*

*They who wish to arrive at that place of
bliss*

*by walking in the paths of pleasure
shall be disappointed;*

*and therefore few reach it,
because few are willing to use violence
to themselves in resisting temptations.”*

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



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“If it were given to a man to see virtue’s reward in the next world, he would occupy his intellect, memory and will in nothing but good works, careless of danger or fatigue.”

- St. Catherine of Genoa



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***“Sanctify yourself and you will
sanctify society.”***

- St. Francis of Assisi

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INDOLENCE

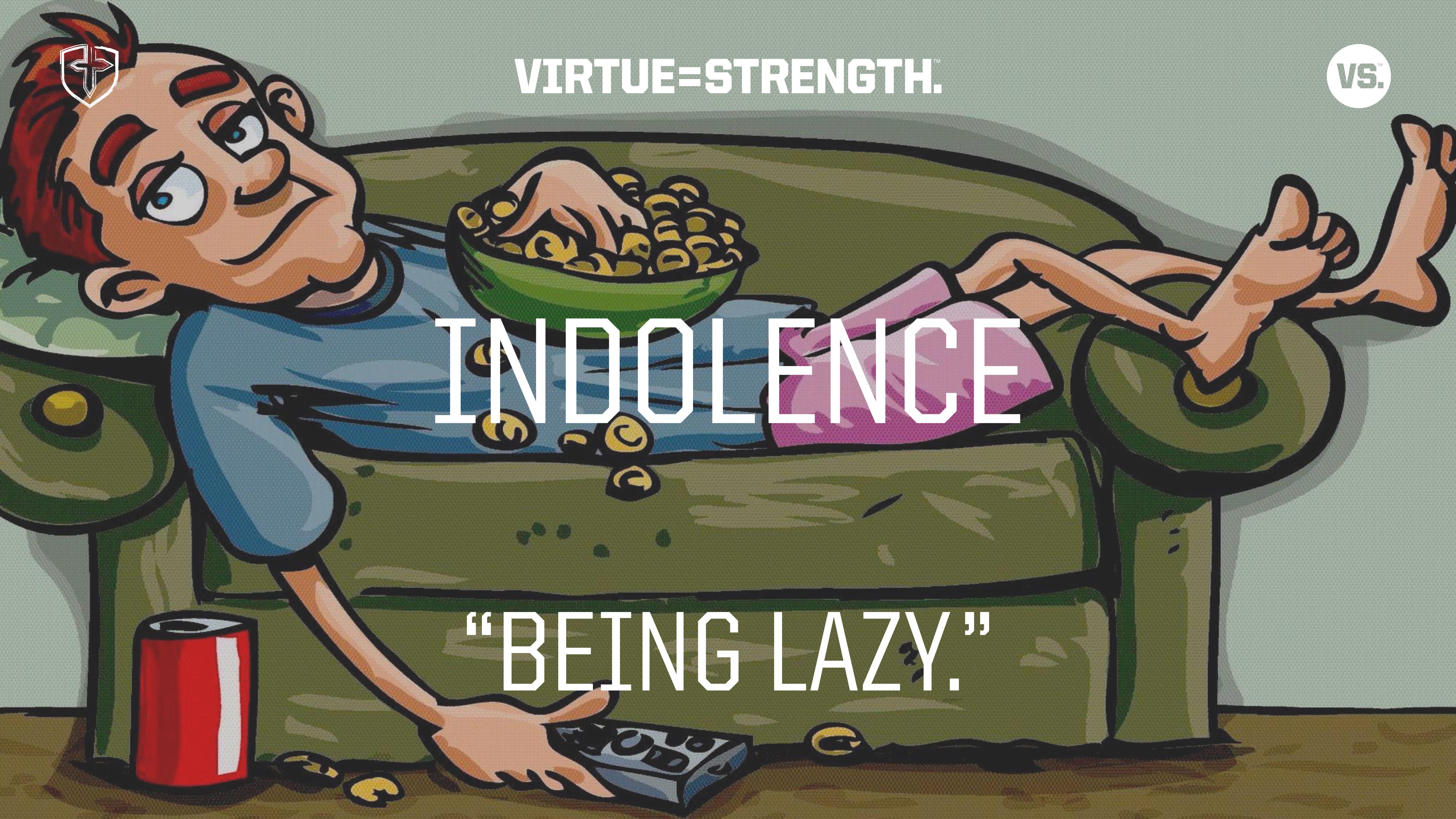
The weakness to avoid activity or making an effort.

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INDOLENCE

“BEING LAZY.”



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THIS HOUSE WAS

CLEAN

YESTERDAY

-

WE'RE SORRY

YOU

MISSED IT

VICE

INDOLENCE = LAZINESS

A short phrase to describe indolence is:

"I can but I won't."

We can begin to overcome our laziness and indolence by:

- Recognizing when we feel lazy or we are refusing to do something good.
- Resolve to make the effort to do that good thing.
- Do it.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God, You didn't run at the first sign of chaos or difficulty.

You showed us how to be DILIGENT, sacrificial, loving and truthful.

We want to live like You.

We want to live for You and for others.

In Your Name we pray. Amen.



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We often forget how physically demanding and difficult it was for our Lord to carry His Cross.

He did it with tireless dedication because He loves you.



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