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**Today, if you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts *Hebrews 3:7-8***

**Do not quench the
Spirit. *1 Thes. 5:19***



1 Samuel 3 *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."*



The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
"May it be done to me according to your word."

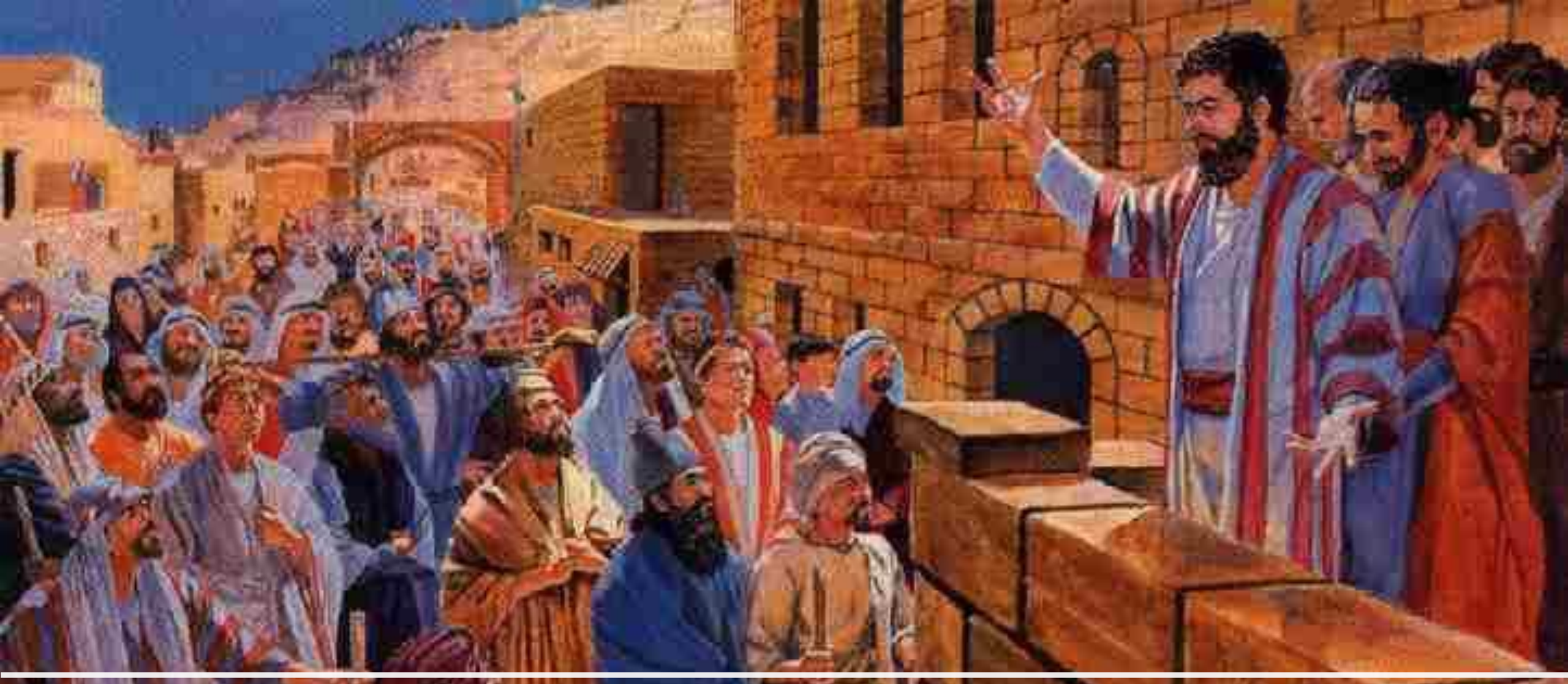


Luke 5:1–3, Matthew 5:1-2 Come, Follow Me





Acts 2:1-4 Pentecost



Acts 2:5-16, 37-40 *"Repent and be baptized every one of you..."*





Saul the Pharisee



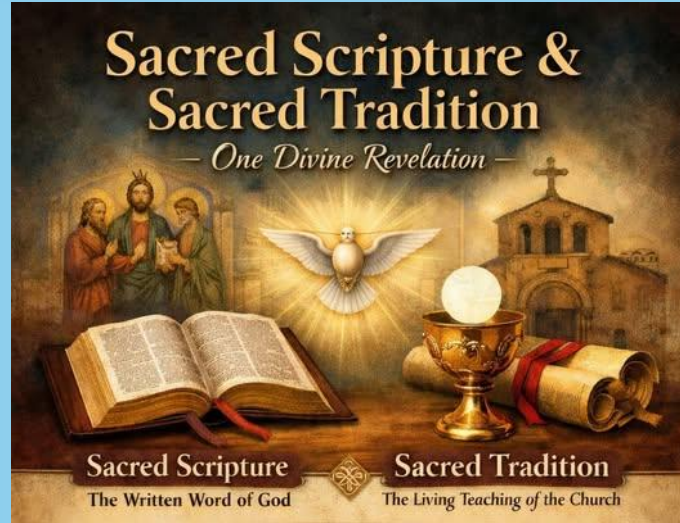
Paul the Apostle

Acts 9:1-19

"He is a chosen
instrument of mine..."

Is It The Holy Spirit or My Own Thoughts?

1. Check Alignment with Scripture and Tradition



3. Observe the Direction of the Ego



2. Examine the Immediate Fruits



4. Look at the Consistency



Practical Steps for Catholic Discernment

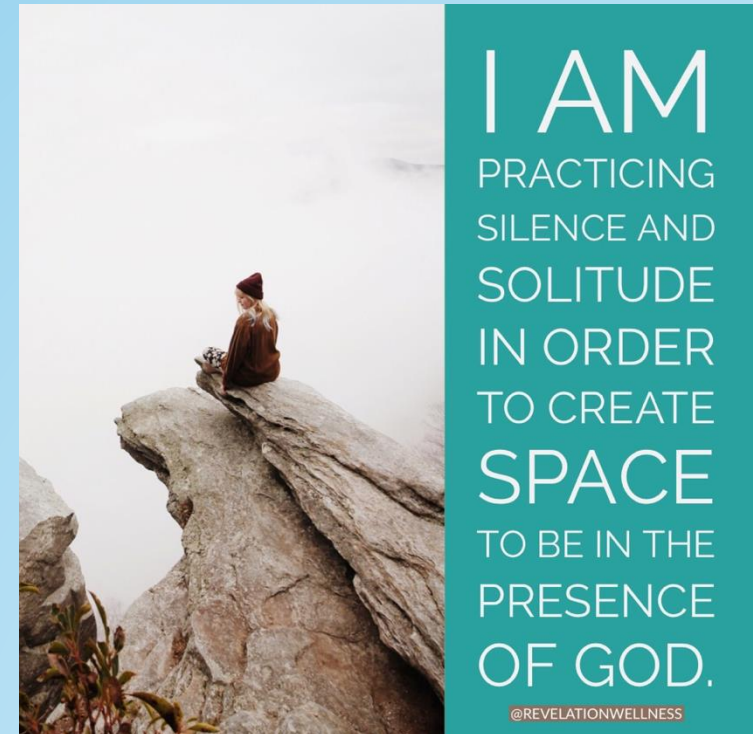
Receive the Sacraments

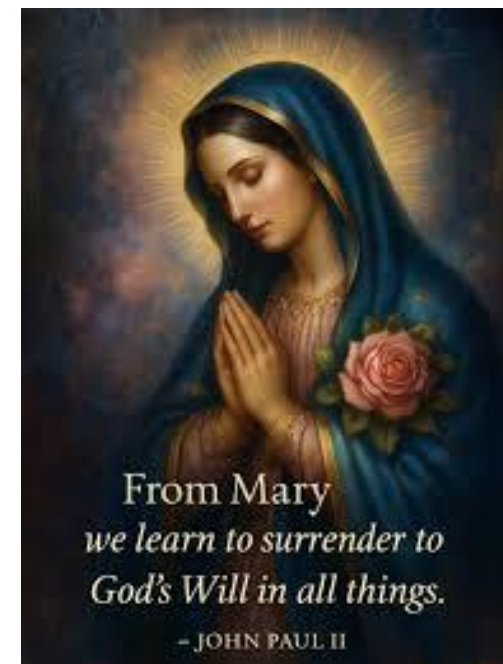


Seek Spiritual Direction



Spiritual Silence





Reflection and Small Group Discussion

- **Samuel:** In a world full of digital noise, what is one practical way you can create "holy silence" this week to listen for God's whisper? *1 Samuel 3:1-19*
- **Mary:** Is there an area of your life right now where God is asking for your *Fiat* (your "Yes"), but you are hesitating because you cannot see the future? *Luke 1:26-38*
- **Peter:** Peter allowed his guilt to be transformed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. How can we let go of past mistakes and trust that God still wants to use us? *Luke 5:1-3 or Matthew and Acts 2:1-16, 37-40*
- **Paul:** Paul's intense personality was redirected for good by the Holy Spirit. What unique traits, talents, or passions has God given you that the Spirit might be calling you to use? *Acts 9:1-19*

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and enkindle in
them the fire of your love.**

**Lord God, give us the listening
heart of Samuel to hear your
whisper in a loud world.**

**Give us the courageous Fiat of
Mary to say "yes" even when we
are afraid.**

**Give us the restored zeal of Peter
to step out of our comfort zones,
and the radical transformation of
Paul to use our unique gifts for
your glory.**

**We ask this through Christ our
Lord.**

**In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



Come Holy Spirit