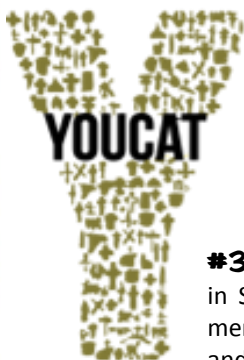




IS GOD FAIR? DOES HE LOVE ME NO MATTER WHAT I DO?



#33: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SAY THAT GOD IS LOVE? If God is love, then there is nothing created that is not carried and surrounded by his infinite benevolence. God not only declares that he is love, he also proves it: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13) Faith holds fast to this promise. This talk about divine love does not consist of empty words; Jesus proves this on the Cross, where he gives up his life for his friends.

#314 HOW DO WE KNOW THAT GOD IS MERCIFUL? In many passages in Sacred Scripture God shows that he is merciful, especially in the parable of the merciful father who goes out to meet his prodigal son, accepts him unconditionally, and celebrates his return and their reconciliation with a joyful banquet. Jesus is sent "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt 15:24), and he knows that "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Mt 9:12).

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BLESSED CHARLES FOCAUD

Blessed Charles shows us the power of God's mercy. He rebelled and lived a faithless life before his conversion. He ended up showing mercy to everyone around him by serving God completely in the Holy Land.



BLESSED CATERINA CITTADINI

Blessed Caterina was a woman of great kindness and mercy who dedicated her life to educating orphans and girls. She herself was an orphan and received kindness from the nuns who raised her. She gave everyone a second chance and was known for her mercy.



GOSPEL



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THEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE GOVERNOR TOOK JESUS INSIDE THE PRAETORIAN AND GATHERED THE WHOLE COHORT AROUND HIM. THEY STRIPPED OFF HIS CLOTHES AND THREW A SCARLET MILITARY CLOAK ABOUT HIM. WEAVING A CROWN OUT OF THORNS, THEY PLACED IT ON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND. AND KNEELING BEFORE HIM, THEY MOCKED HIM, SAYING, "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!" THEY SPAT UPON HIM AND TOOK THE REED AND KEPT STRIKING HIM ON THE HEAD

- MATTHEW 27:27-31

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
