

St John the Baptist Holy Spirit

It is interesting that St John the Baptist bore witness that Jesus was the Son of God, yet did not dash off to follow the Christ and become a disciple.

The Baptist had the vision to recognise the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit) within the nature and person of Jesus.

Vision only possible because this wild preacher of repentance and preparation lived out the presence of Gods Holy Spirit in his own nature.

So he did not have to chase after the evangelical promise of the new popular voice.

He did not need the excitement and affirmation of the newest popular missionary

As the heart of St John the Baptist produced life within his body

So the presence of Gods Holy Spirit produced life within his very nature

Knowing the presence of the eternal love in his day to day existence

He speaks calmly as a result of loving deeply

Faith tends not to shout

Roman Catholic faith especially tends not to shout

There is no need

There is the assurance of faith

The presence of the Holy Spirit

In the heart of suffering. Within the veil of tears. We call upon faith.

Beneath the cries of anguish.

Along with the fear

Facing the uncertainty

As your heart produces life within your body

So the presence of Gods Holy Spirit produces life within your very nature

There within that crisis you are not alone

There is the capacity to move on

Faith tends not to shout

When the days have taken on the appearance of normality

Beneath the blindness and assumptions of familiarity

Beyond the wasted opportunities

Greater than the lack of grateful thanks

As your heart produces life within your body

So the presence of Gods Holy Spirit produces life within your very nature

There within the mundane the promise remains

There is the capacity to move on

Faith tends not to shout

When the situation has taken on the madness of exhilaration

Independent of the crowd's hysteria

More wonderful even than the love you feel at that moment

And stronger. Stronger even than the days or weeks of achievement

As your heart produces life within your body

So the presence of Gods Holy Spirit produces life within your very nature

There within that euphoria you are not alone

There is the capacity to move on

St John the Baptist did not need to chase after Gods Holy Spirit

He lived the Spirit of God

Faith tends not to shout

In periods of crisis

In times of monotony

Even in the confusion of exhilaration

There is the call

To recognise the goodness

To live the promise

And to move on