



TASTE Reflection Questions
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Deepening Our Faith in Troubled Times
Fr. Virginus Osuagwu

*And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age. ~ Matthew 28:20*



1. What did you find most interesting about this talk?

2. Fr. Virginus said that in the storms of life, our loving and compassionate God will not let us be tempted without providing a **"MEANS OF ESCAPE,"** and that means of escape is our faith, which is a lifeline because it is a bridge that connects us to God and God to us. Faith is also our response to God's invitation of love and friendship..
 - Can you think of a time when your faith in God provided the lifeline for which you desperately needed?
 - How did you feel about God not being moved by our tears, but moved by His word and our faith in His word?

3. Fr. Virginus said that faith makes us think differently, see differently, talk differently, act differently, and live differently..
 - Because of your faith, have you noticed any of these changes in yourself or others? If so, discuss.
 - As you mature in your faith, can you rejoice in your troubles knowing there is always a purpose to affliction?
 - How do you take heart in knowing that all things **"WORK FOR GOOD"** for those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)?

4. Father Virginis said that we need to be careful of who and what we are listening to, because what we put into our minds is what we become. He also said that we can increase our Faith by **"HEARING (AND READING) THE WORD OF GOD."**
 - What negative habit could you eliminate from your life that could open a wider door for Christ? Example: Romance novels, worldly magazines, TV programs, movies or music that glorifies worldly ideas such as sex outside marriage, homosexuality, transgender promotion, violence, or mocking God in bold or even subtle ways.
 - In addition to Mass, how are you incorporating the Word of God into your personal life on a regular basis?