Mother Teresa
1910-1997 AD
1A passage of the Bible that Mother Teresa often quoted comes from Matthew 25:31-46, during which Jesus says, “When I was hungry, you gave me food. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was ill or in prison, you visited me.” Jesus’ followers ask, “But when did we see you hungry, thirsty, as a stranger, naked, ill, or in prison?” To which Jesus responds, “‘Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine you did it to Me.’” Mother Teresa lived her life as if every person she encountered were Jesus.
You did it to Me
From an interview conducted in the 1970s

**Reporter:** “Which is the poorest country you have been to?”

**Mother Teresa:** “Of all the countries I have been to, the poorest one is *[America]*.”

**Reporter:** “How could America be the poorest country in the world? It is in fact one of the richest!”

**Mother Teresa:** “Because America suffers most from the poverty of *[loneliness]*.”

**Mother Teresa said this YEARS ago. What do you think she would say **[today]**?”
The Dark Night of the Soul

View From
THE VATICAN

https://youtu.be/y9vYIETV2t0
Why might God allow us to lose the really good feelings of being in love with Him?

What should you do when you feel like God is far away?
The Dark Night of the Soul

https://youtu.be/WuiNDx87ZH4
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1Mother Teresa experienced what many saints refer to as “The Dark Night of the Soul”, during which she did not feel the love and presence of God anywhere in her life.

2Question: By why would God allow this to happen???

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What if every time you prayed and tried to be a saint God gave you a...

... would you pray every day and try and be a saint?

Why or why not?
Would you pray everyday and try to be a saint if God gave you...
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This experience is common within marriages and friendships. It helps us remember that we are called to love other PEOPLE, not just the good feelings we get from them.

Since many people in our culture don’t understand this (either in regards to God, a dating/marriage relationship, or friendship), they think when the feelings start to fade away, love is also fading away. This why it is SO important to remember the true definition of love: That it is primarily a choice, not just a feeling.
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