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I have two classmates in high school who are very good friends.  
Talagang magkaibigan silang dalawa nung high school sila.  
The other one was very studious.  
Kasi mahirap lang yung parents niya.  
So kaya talagang seryoso siya sa pag-aaral niya.  
He studies and, you know, all the disciplines of a student.  
Kasi mahirap yung magulang niya. So talagang nag-aaral talaga siya.  
Pero yung best friend niya, medyo may kaya ang buhay.  
So medyo pa-banjing-banjing lang sa school.  
Okay? Wala naman, hindi naman seryoso sa pag-aaral.  
So, masaya ang buhay nung isa.  
During high school, pasyal ng pasyal, you know.  
Gimmick ng gimmick.  
But the other one, hindi namin nakakasama masyado  
kasi he had to really study also.  
Mahirap yung buhay ng isa.  
Yung isa naman, easygoing.  
If fast forward mo sa time namin ngayon, matanda na kami,  
yung easygoing na classmate niya,  
yun ang hirap ngayon.  
Mahirap talaga.  
Maraming anak.  
Walang income masyado.  
Yung isa na naghirap noon,  
ngayon talagang maginhawa ang buhay.  
Okay?  
So, in that alone, we can already understand  
what the Lord is saying to us in the Gospel today.  
The easier we try to make life,  
the harder it gets.  
Pag pinaisi natin yung buhay natin,  
magiging mahirap yan.  
You know?  
The easier we try to make our life,  
the harder it gets.  
That is something we need to understand.  
Now, before we go to the Gospel,  
tingnan natin yung Old Testament reading.  
The Old Testament reading begins with God telling Abraham.  
Sabi niya, Abraham,  
lahat ng lupa na nakikita mo dito,  
everything that you see around you,  
I will give that to you.  
Ibibigay ko sayo.  
It will be your inheritance from me.  
Yan ang mamanahin mo sa akin.  
It will be yours.  
At itong sagot ni Abraham sa Diyos,  
sabi niya, papano ako makasigurado?  
How can I be sure  
that you will really give me that land?  
Matinding tanong yan, ano?  
Alam niyo naman, sabi ni Bishop Ricardo,  
pag ang Diyos nagsalita,  
it is already good as done.  
Amen?  
Diyos lang pwede magsalita ng patapos.  
When God promised something,  
consider it done already.  
Okay?  
But here comes Abraham who cannot understand.

So sabi niya,  
lahat to ibibigay mo sa akin.  
All the land, this will be yours.  
It will be your inheritance.  
It will be for your descendants.  
And this is what Abraham said to God,  
How can I be sure?  
How can I be sure?  
Jesus promised you healing.  
Amen?  
How can you be sure?  
Jesus promised to provide our needs  
according to His riches and glory by Christ Jesus.  
How can I be sure?  
Kasi may araw na hindi ko nakikita.  
May araw na hindi ko nararamdaman.  
How can I be sure?  
So this is a human response.  
Abraham was talking to his God, his Father.  
Telling him, you know,  
it's a good thing that you're giving me this land  
but I want to make sure.  
And you know what God did?  
God said to him, okay,  
we will make a covenant.  
Okay?  
Pareho lang yan na may taong magbibigay ng lupa sa'yo.  
Sasabihin sa'yo,  
O Brad, bigyan kita ng lupa.  
Okay?  
Libre, it's yours.  
I'm giving you this land.  
But, you know,  
ang problema minsan pag binigyan ka ng lupa  
at puro verbal,  
after a few years,  
patay na yung nagbigay sa'yo,  
biglang sasabihin ng mga anak na,  
you know,  
ba't nandyan ka?  
Eh bigay ng tatay nyo ito sa akin.  
Saan yung kontrata?  
Wala.  
Amen?  
That's why when someone gives you something,  
we go into a contract with that person  
so that we can be sure na talagang ibibigay niya.  
May kontrata.  
Ito din yung ginawa ni Abraham.  
Abraham said to God,  
how can I be sure?  
And God, so that Abraham can understand,  
sabi ng Diyos sa kanya,  
so that Abraham can be confident  
na sa kanya na talaga yung binibigay ng Diyos na yan.  
God said to Abraham,  
okay, let's make a contract.  
And they cut covenant  
so that Abraham can be sure  
na walang problema sa Diyos.  
Alam naman natin yung Diyos,  
isang salita lang.  
Pag sinabi niya, gagawin niya.  
But Abraham does not understand that.

Because God loves Abraham so much  
and He wants Abraham to understand.  
And the language that Abraham can understand  
is covenant, contract.

Diba?

Usong ngayon sa mga mag-asawa.

Pag nag-aasawa kami,  
may mga pre-nuptial agreement.

Ano ibig sabihin?

Pag nag-asawa tayo,  
lahat ng yaman ko,  
hindi ko isi-share sayo.

So mag-agree na kaagad tayo.

You know?

But God was willing to share with Abraham.

So He said, okay, let's make a covenant.

And after they make that covenant,  
there was darkness that came upon Abraham.

You see, this is the problem with many people.

Gusto natin magkaroon ng relasyon sa Diyos,  
pero ayaw natin ang problema.

We don't want any problem.

Minsan,

yan ang sinasabi natin sa ibang tao, diba?

Bato na si Lord,

ay maduwa rutanang problema sa inyong kabuhi.

That's not true.

Tinanggap ko si Lord,

many years ago,

until now, may problema akong hinaharap.

Amen?

Do you understand what I'm saying?

When Abraham cut covenant with God,

when they made a contract with God,

there was deep darkness that came upon him.

And in that darkness, he saw God.

You see, that's the beauty of the suffering and trial we go through.

Ayaw natin ang suffering.

Ayaw natin ang trial.

Ayaw natin yung mga pagsubok sa buhay.

But that is also the place in trial that you will find God.

And so when that deep darkness came,

Abraham saw a vision of God.

He saw an oven.

He saw a torch going through the offerings that he has made.

There was a responsibility for Abraham.

He had to offer a sacrifice in that covenant.

Ayaw natin ang mga ganyan.

Gusto natin pag humingi tayo sa Diyos,

bigay ka agad.

Wala nang covenant,

wala nang obedience,

wala nang gagawin,

basta hulog na lang galing sa langit.

But that does not happen.

Amen?

God would make a covenant with us.

God would bless us.

But He will not make life easy for us.

And this is something we need to understand.

Babasahin natin sa Gospel,

and you will understand what I'm saying.

The second reading speaks of St. Paul.

St. Paul said,

you follow me, you imitate me,  
as I have imitated God.  
And how did St. Paul follow God in his life?  
Sabi niya, I embraced the cross.  
That's how I followed Christ.  
I boast in the cross.  
But you know, when you want to follow Jesus,  
there is a cross that is prepared for you.  
Anyone who wants to follow me  
must deny himself, pick up his cross,  
then you follow me.  
Sabi niya, many of the people today,  
Paul was speaking of the Christians of his time.  
Many of them have lived their lives  
as enemies of the cross.  
Anong enemies ng cross?  
Ayaw nila ang cross.  
They want the glory without a cross.  
They want a crown of gold  
without wearing a crown of thorns.  
Gusto nating sumahod na hindi kumakayod.  
In other words, Paul was saying,  
you follow Jesus as I have followed him,  
you follow me,  
you have to embrace the cross.  
It's going to be a difficult life for you.  
Amen?  
Now we go to the Gospel.  
The Gospel today has so many things  
that would help us.  
But I will just focus on one thing.  
As we enter the season of Lent,  
I have said,  
Lent is a time for us  
to purify our lives.  
Epiphany, bago tayo nag-Lent,  
nandun tayo sa Epiphany.  
Epiphany is shining.  
Christ is the light of the world.  
Pero before Christ left, sabi niya,  
you are now the light of the world.  
Because all of us,  
we reflect the light of Christ  
as we face Christ,  
as we follow Christ.  
The light of Christ is reflected in our lives.  
But sometimes, madumi ang buhay natin,  
kaya hindi masyadong matindi ang reflection,  
hindi masyadong nakikita yung ilaw ni Christo sa atin.  
That's why we go through a period of purification,  
and that is the season of Lent.  
We know that we are supposed to shine  
with the light of Christ.  
We are to reflect the light of Christ in our life.  
But then, again, dahil sa kahinaan natin,  
dahil sa mga weaknesses and habits that we have,  
we are not able to shine with that light.  
That's why we go through Lent.  
Lent is a time of discipline.  
Lent is a time of taking out those things  
that hinder us from shining with the light of Christ.  
Lent is a time of forsaking those things.  
Iwanan natin yung mga bagay  
that prevents us from living out

the best version of ourselves.  
Amen?  
Tell the person beside you,  
God wants you to be the best.  
Yeah.  
Then tell that person,  
don't settle for anything less.  
Yeah, He wants you to be the best.  
Without comparing to other people.  
Okay? Don't compare yourselves with other people.  
Just you look at God,  
and God has designed you to be great in His kingdom.  
You can be a great mother.  
You can be a great father to your children.  
You can be a great shepherd to your people.  
You can be a great child to your parents.  
Because God has designed you that way.  
But we are not living out that potential of greatness.  
Why?  
Because we are sorely hindered by our weaknesses and sin.  
That's why patanggalin natin yan.  
We set aside.  
Kaya palagi kong sinasabi,  
ano bang pinaghahawakan mo sa buhay?  
What are the things that you hold on so much in life?  
Your honor? Your dignity?  
Ang tanong ko palagi,  
yung pinaghahawakan mo sa buhay mo ngayon,  
yan ba ay magdadala sa'yo sa langit?  
Tanongin kita.  
Yung galit na kinikim-kim mo,  
hawak-hawak mo sa puso mo yung galit mo,  
yan ba ay magdadala sa'yo sa langit?  
Yung pera,  
yung pera na pinag-ipunan mo at tinago mo  
at ayaw mong ishare talagang naka-embrace ka dun sa pera mo,  
will that bring you to heaven?  
Yung pangalan mo na pinaglalaman mo talaga,  
ayaw mong may masabi yung taong mali sa'yo,  
takot na takot ka,  
galit na galit ka pag may sinabing mali sa'yo.  
Talagang reputation is everything to you.  
Will your reputation bring you to heaven?  
Mga kapatid,  
kung yung pinaghahawakan mo sa buhay ay hindi magdadala sa'yo sa langit,  
bakit niyo hinahawakan yan?  
Tapon niyo na yan.  
Tell the person beside you,  
tapon na yan.  
Lent is the time of throwing out things.  
Throwing out my unforgiveness,  
my bitterness,  
my lust for other things,  
my desire for other things other than God.  
You know, it's time to throw that away.  
Because those things will not bring you closer to God.  
And it will not make you live out the best  
that the life that God wants you to have.  
That's why we want to make life easier.  
We want life to be convenient always.  
Because we cater to the whims of our emotions, our desires.  
But you know, the more we make life easy for us,  
the harder it will become.  
Magiging mahirap yan.

That's why in our Gospel today,  
Jesus said,  
Choose the narrow door,  
or the narrow gate.  
Okay? And I will explain to you why He said that.  
Remember, He was on a journey  
going to Jerusalem already.  
Ito na yung time, mga last remaining days ni Jesus to.  
Papunta na siya ng Jerusalem.  
At pagdating niya ng Jerusalem, hindi po bakasyon yung punta niya.  
He knows that when He get to Jerusalem,  
He will be  
persecuted.  
He will be  
tortured.  
He will be crucified.  
Alam niya yan.  
Alam niya yan.  
Hindi siya umiwas doon.  
Sa mga magulang, di ba,  
pag may anak kayo,  
alam niyo talagang may suffering, may pain.  
Di ba?  
Iniwasan niyo ba?  
Ha?  
Maraming nanay na ngayon,  
hinuhulog na lang yung bata.  
Kasi mahirap to.  
Hindi ko kaya to.  
Pinapahulog yung bata.  
Well, Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem.  
Maraming problema nga harapin niya.  
But He was there.  
He set His face like flint to go to Jerusalem.  
Because He knows that is where God wants Him to be.  
Now, is it easy?  
Madali ba pagdating niya doon?  
No, it's not going to be easy.  
Will God bless Him when He goes to Jerusalem?  
Will God bless Him?  
Yes.  
Because every time we obey God,  
He will bless us.  
But sometimes,  
the blessing does not come in an easy way.  
It's difficult.  
So that's why when He went there,  
someone asked Him, may nagtanong sa Kanya,  
someone from the crowd asked Him,  
Jesus, are only a few are going to be saved?  
Kokonte lang ba yung maliligtas?  
Now, the Jews at the time,  
sa panahon ni Jesus, naniniwala sila  
wala ng ibang taong maliligtas kundi yung mga Judyo lang.  
They believe that they are the chosen people of God  
and they are the only ones who will be saved.  
Kaya konti lang.  
Ito yung tinatanong ng tao.  
Are only a few people going to be saved?  
Or to make, to rephrase the question,  
Lord, yung mga Jew lang ba ang masasave?  
Yung mga palasimba lang ba ang masasave?  
Yung mga paladasan lang ba ang masasave?  
Lord, sino bang masasave?

Yung hindi uma-absent?  
Yung talagang pag naglakad, Lord,  
ay talagang parang angel?  
Siguro yung mga masamang tao sa labas,  
yung mga hindi nakakilala kay Jesus,  
hindi masasave ang mga yan?  
Yan ang tanong.  
Kokonte lang bang masasave?  
And the response of Jesus,  
He did not say yes or no.  
This was His response.  
Strive.  
Strive to enter the narrow gate.  
Because many, I tell you, will try to enter,  
but they will not be able to enter.  
So it doesn't matter if there are many or few people  
being saved.  
What is important that you and me,  
sinabihan tayo ni Kristo,  
you try.  
Try your best  
to enter the narrow door.  
Another quotation.  
A Dutch philosopher  
by the name of Baruch Spinoza.  
This is what he said.  
All things excellent  
are as difficult  
as they are rare.  
All things excellent,  
lahat ng bagay if it is excellent,  
it is as difficult  
as they are rare.  
You know, when you see a businessman  
who is so excellent in his business,  
bihira mong makikita yan.  
Pero,  
mahirap din yan  
abutin  
yung naabot niya.  
Why is it so rare?  
Why is excellence so rare?  
In business,  
in family,  
in church,  
in ministry,  
excellence is so rare.  
Bakit rare yan?  
Kasi mahirap yan.  
Yung nakita mong tao  
na nagtop sa bar,  
bar exam,  
there was one person  
who topped the bar exam  
and she was from Antique,  
babae siya.  
She was from Antique.  
I forgot the year  
when she topped the bar.  
Noong nagtop siya sa bar,  
it was rare for a woman  
and coming from a  
small town in Antique.  
Doon ang galing yung top sa bar.

It was very rare.  
Hindi pangkaraniwan yan.  
Bihira yan.  
But,  
kung alam niyo lang  
yung pinagdanaan  
ng babae na yan,  
it was very difficult for her.  
Hindi sala mayaman.  
You know?  
She had to go through difficulties  
until she topped the bar exam.  
Why?  
Why is it rare?  
Because it is difficult.  
Kasi kung madali yan,  
ay maraming taong ganyan.  
Okay?  
It would be easy.  
If it is easy,  
then it will be common.  
Okay?  
Sino sa inyong  
kumakain ng kanin?  
Mahirap ba kumain ng kanin?  
Hindi, di ba?  
Kaya lahat tayo,  
common yan.  
Madali lang yan.  
Sino sa inyong  
kumakain ng ampalaya?  
Konti na lang.  
Hindi na lahat.  
Yung mga bata,  
biglang bagsak yung kamay.  
Okay?  
Why is it rare?  
Why only few people  
are eating ampalaya?  
Because it's difficult.  
It's difficult to swallow.  
Sino talagang  
umiiinom sa inyo  
ng ampalaya juice?  
Si Gemma na lang.  
Wala na.  
Okay?  
It becomes rare.  
The more it becomes difficult,  
it becomes rare.  
And that is what  
excellence is.  
Now, you can apply this  
in all aspect of life.  
Family life.  
You know,  
when you talk about the family,  
you want to have  
excellence in your family life.  
It's difficult.  
Amen?  
It's difficult  
to sit down  
with your children



without your cellphones  
on the table.  
Kasi ngayon,  
madali na yung  
mag-usap tayo sa lamesa,  
lahat ng cellphone  
nasa table.  
Para pag tumahimik na,  
tingin na lang  
sa cellphone ka agad.  
Okay?  
It's very difficult  
Ito nakikita ko palagi.  
Noon,  
pag kumakain ng pamilya,  
pag upo nila sa lamesa,  
ang unang gagawin ng pamilya,  
ano?  
Ha?  
Oo, nagpe-pray.  
Tama ka dyan,  
brother Joseph.  
Pag upo ng pamilya sa lamesa,  
pag lagay ng pagkain,  
the first thing they do  
is pray.  
Ngayon,  
alam niyo ang nangyayari?  
Ang unang gagawin ng pamilya  
pag may pagkain,  
pipikturan yung pagkain.  
Ay, so nice,  
you know?  
Hindi yan ginagawa  
ng mga lolo natin noon.  
Of course,  
wala pang cellphone noon.  
Do you understand  
what I'm saying?  
To be excellent  
in the family life  
is very difficult.  
Can you hear me  
at the back?  
Doon sa labi,  
naririnig niyo ako?  
Sabihin niyo  
sa katapatwid niyo,  
magkakaroon  
ng mga lolo  
sa katapatwid niyo.  
Mahirap  
maging excellent  
sa pamilya.  
Yeah.  
It's difficult.  
Very difficult.  
That's why Jesus Christ said,  
you try,  
you strive  
to enter the narrow door.  
Okay?  
Why?  
There are many

prophets today.  
When I say prophets,  
hindi naman tunay  
talagang propeta.  
Pero parang mga propeta ba?  
Pag nagsalita.  
They're not prophets  
but they're more like  
charlatans  
who always promise  
an easy way  
in every aspect  
of our lives.  
They promise  
an easy way.  
May madali lang yan.  
Madali lang yan.  
Okay?  
Plenty  
of people  
are willing  
to follow  
what they're saying.  
And I pray today  
that we will not be  
one of them.  
Wherever you go  
in social media,  
when you talk  
to your friends,  
sasabihan ka  
madali lang yan.  
Madali lang yan.  
The Christian life  
is easy.  
Bato na lang  
baga si Jesus.  
Ayaw mo,  
malamos yun.  
Mapray ang kita ah.  
Lord,  
ginabaton ko  
ikaw sa ako  
ng heart.  
That's it.  
Voila.  
You're magic.  
You are not  
born again.  
Wala ka ng problema  
sa buhay.  
Yan na yan.  
And sometimes  
we follow that.  
Receiving Jesus  
into your life  
is the first step.  
But you don't  
follow God  
with one step.  
Many Christians  
take one step  
and they stop.  
They just stop there.

Habang palayun  
ng paluyo si Lord,  
tingin lang sila  
ng tingin.  
Ah Lord.  
Ah Lord.  
Lord.  
Lord.  
Layo na ni Lord.  
Because if you take  
the first step  
in receiving Jesus  
in your life,  
then you have to take  
the second step,  
the third step.  
You keep on walking  
and walking  
to keep up with Christ.  
And that is what  
many Christians  
are not willing to do.  
Nakakapagod.  
Mahirap.  
That's the narrow door.  
I brought my Bible  
with me because  
in Matthew 7,  
I will just end here.  
In Matthew 7,  
there is a parallel  
verse  
that speaks of  
what we're talking  
about here.  
In Matthew 7,  
verse 13.  
Basahin nyo na lang  
sa bahay.  
If you have your Bibles  
with you,  
you read with me.  
In Matthew 7,  
verse 13,  
sabi niya,  
Enter by the narrow gate.  
For wide is the gate  
and broad is the way  
that leads to destruction.  
And there are many  
who go in by it.  
Strive and enter  
the narrow gate.  
What is that gate  
standing for?  
It stands for difficulty.  
Now the word strive  
in the Bible,  
in our Gospel today,  
the word strive  
comes from a Greek word  
agonizimo.  
Agonizimo.  
That is the word

we get from English  
agonize.  
Strive to enter the door  
When you try to walk  
and enter the narrow door,  
you have to be deliberate  
ginahongod aron.  
It will not just happen  
on its own.  
Ikaw't among  
the decision every day.  
Amen?  
Will I wake up  
to pray today  
or will I just continue  
to sleep and lie down?  
This morning,  
this morning,  
we have brothers and sisters  
who are at home  
who are still sleeping.  
They are still sleeping now.  
Okay?  
What did you decide today?  
Because Sunday,  
you can sleep,  
you can rest,  
right?  
What did you decide today?  
I decide to wake up  
early today  
and come to church.  
That is a narrow door.  
That is difficult.  
You didn't wake up earlier  
and, you know,  
it depends on the wind.  
No.  
Sinadya mo.  
You are deliberate.  
There is intentionality  
in striving  
to go to the narrow door.  
There is intentionality  
and there is true effort.  
We don't like effort.  
Our lazy human nature.  
We are lazy.  
We are lazy  
as a people.  
We want  
always the easy way.  
We want what is convenient  
for us.  
Our laziness  
is motivated by our desire  
for pleasure.  
I don't like that.  
It is tiring.  
That is why we are called  
the fast food generation.  
Why?  
We want to eat delicious food  
but we don't want to cook.

Do you know  
the delicious food?  
That is what is difficult to cook.  
Who among you eats curry?  
Oh.  
Curry is really delicious.  
But when you cook it  
as it is supposed to be cooked,  
there is a lot to do.  
There is a lot to do.  
Part of the process  
of curry-curry making,  
the peanuts,  
the peanuts,  
the peanuts,  
after you roast the peanuts,  
you will crush it.  
After you crush the peanuts,  
finely,  
you will mix it with the curry-curry  
to make it delicious.  
Now, what will we do?  
We will just buy peanut butter.  
That is the easiest.  
If you eat curry-curry,  
it is sweet  
because peanut butter is used.  
We always want what is easy.  
You have to go through  
the narrow door of difficulty.  
You have to strive.  
It's not easy.  
The rich man approached Jesus.  
He said to Jesus,  
How long do I have eternal life?  
Jesus did not say,  
Just accept me.  
Make me your friend.  
And you will have eternal life.  
Jesus did not say that.  
The first thing Jesus said to him,  
You want eternal life?  
Okay.  
Follow the commandments.  
In the commandments,  
we already fell, right?  
A while ago,  
when the deacon was telling us,  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
That's difficult.  
For many people now,  
they have many gods.  
They worship the god of money.  
They worship the god of,  
you know, fame and fortune.  
That's why when the rich man approached Jesus,  
How can I have eternal life?  
In other words, he's asking,  
How can I enter  
into that life  
where there is fullness,  
where there is joy and peace  
without limit?  
How can I enter in that?

And Jesus Christ said,  
You have the commandment.  
You obey the commandment.  
And the man said,  
I have done that already.  
Oh, easy for him.  
I already did that.  
And the scribe said,  
And the scripture says,  
And Jesus loved him.  
God loved him  
because he really follows the commandment.  
And this is the final step.  
Jesus said to him,  
Now,  
you are on the right track.  
You are now about to enter  
the narrow gate.  
He said,  
Go.  
Sell everything you have.  
Sell everything you have.  
Then you give to the poor.  
Then you come and follow me.  
His face fell down.  
Why?  
It was difficult.  
Difficult for him.  
And he turned his back on the Lord.  
He turned his back on the Lord  
and he left.  
Do you understand what I'm saying?  
Never assume  
that the Christian life is easy.  
Because you pattern  
your Christian life  
according to your convenience.  
You invent your Christian life  
where it is patterned  
by your convenience.  
Where it is patterned  
by your comfort zones.  
Comfortable and easy.  
The Christian life  
that we have to live out  
if you follow Christ  
is always  
agonizimo.  
In other words,  
there's agony in it.  
There's difficulty.  
And everyone who has love  
all of you here who love  
did you understand that?  
Is it easy to love?  
Why are some of you like that?  
It's easy.  
Is it easy to love?  
Huh?  
Because if there's a husband  
I ask him,  
why are you married?  
He said,  
Bishop, because

every time I see him  
my eyes really  
light up.  
I said, it's easy.  
Because when I see Leche plan  
my eyes also light up.  
Why are you getting married?  
And they give a lot of reasons.  
A lot of reasons.  
A lot of reasons.  
And all the answers  
to the first question  
are all shallow.  
And you continue to love  
your wife  
and your husband  
even if it's hard.  
To a mother,  
you wake up in the morning  
even if the kids don't say thank you.  
Kids,  
do you say thank you to your mom  
when she cooks?  
How about you?  
Do you say thank you?  
The answer will come later.  
Okay, it's fine.  
She'll answer it later.  
The mother will cook.  
Even if she doesn't say thank you,  
she'll cook.  
Is that hard?  
While you're still sleeping,  
the mother is already awake,  
she'll cook.  
It's difficult.  
The father,  
while you're playing at home,  
the father is at work.  
He's working  
to earn a living.  
When the father comes home,  
he's still tired.  
You force him to play with you.  
Okay, sometimes,  
the father is really good.  
Even if he's tired,  
he'll still play with his son.  
He'll still play with his son.  
What's difficult is  
when you're already playing with your son,  
even your wife wants to play too.  
So, you still force her.  
You're not just a good father,  
you're also a good husband to your wife.  
And that's difficult.  
But that is the way of the narrow door.  
You want to have an excellent family life?  
It's difficult.  
That's why,  
this is where  
the discipline of Lent comes in.  
In the Quaresma,  
we are taught

to discipline our life.  
To always choose the narrow door.  
To always choose  
not the easy way  
but always choose  
the difficult way.  
Because, Jesus said,  
that will bring you to life.  
He said,  
the path to discipleship  
the path to destruction  
the gate,  
the door to destruction  
is wide.  
Why is it wide?  
Why is it big?  
There's no difficulty.  
Everyone can enter there.  
It's so easy  
to be seduced by pleasure.  
It's so easy  
to be seduced  
by so many things in the world.  
You might just lose yourself.  
You're already there.  
But that will never bring you  
the things  
that you long for in your life.  
The peace you're looking for  
the happiness you're looking for  
that will not come to you  
if you go through  
the wide and broad gate.  
Always choose  
the narrow path.  
The difficult path.  
The way of the cross.  
And in the end,  
you will find life.