

## **April 23: Chapters 10-13**

### **Chapter 10**

1. Who are your true friends? What makes them true friends? (p. 133)
2. What person brings the best out of you? What is it that is your best? (p. 134)
3. When in your life did spending time with someone lessen your desire to be a better person? (p. 134)
4. Who in your life expresses contagious goodness? (p. 134)
5. What three people would you want to be stranded on an island with? Why?
6. What is your reaction to this statement: Don't be afraid of your loneliness. Use it as an opportunity to befriend people who inspire you. (p. 136)
7. What is so attractive about holiness? (p. 138)

### **Chapter 11**

8. Who and what will be the greatest influences in determining the future? (pp. 140-141)
9. To whom does the future belong? (p. 140)
10. When has story telling been important in your life? (p. 141)
11. How can you respond to the anti-Catholic bias of our culture? (p. 143)
12. React to this quote by St. Joan of Arc: I know this now. Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing, and yet they give their lives to that little or nothing. One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it and then it's gone. But to surrender what you are and to live without belief is more terrible than dying -- even more terrible than dying young. (p. 145)
13. What great cause are you willing to support with the moments of your life? (p. 145)
14. What does your time reveal you are giving your life to? (p. 145)
15. When someone close to you has died, what does that do to your perception of what you are giving your life to? (p. 146)
16. What is your reaction to this statement: Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations. Catholicism is a lifestyle. Catholicism is a way of life designed by God to help you become all you can be. (p.148)

17. What recent event transformed something in you? (p. 149)
18. What is your reaction to this statement: You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. (p.150)
19. If you could change anything in this world, what would you change? (p. 150)
20. What is your reaction to this statement: Only one thing is necessary for Catholicism to flourish -- authentic lives. (p. 151)

## **Chapter 12**

21. What is your reaction to this statement: ...as Catholics in this modern climate, we tend not to take our spirituality seriously. (p. 155)
22. How do you react to the dedication that Michael Jordan demonstrated? (p. 158)
23. How does Michael Jordan and Tiger Wood's lives speak to our faith? (pp. 158-159)
24. Who do you know who taken a weakness and turned it into a strength?
25. When have you taken a weakness and turned it into a strength?
26. Matthew Kelly claims that a classic sign of mediocracy is the tendency not to look at one's weaknesses. What do you think of that? (pp. 159-160)
27. What is your reaction to this statement: Every journey toward something is a journey away from something. If we need to turn back to God at this moment in our lives, we also need to turn away from whatever has lead us away from God. (p. 161)
28. What is your reaction to this statement: I am a sinner. That is what makes me eligible for membership in the Catholic Church. (p. 162)
29. What is your reaction to this paraphrase: Catholicism means so little to so many because they have forgotten or, in some way, never been introduced to the goal of Christian life. (p.163)
30. What has been your experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (pp. 163-165)
31. Are you prepared to defend the Catholic practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (pp.166-167)
32. What is your reaction to Matthew Kelly's critique of this statement: Love means never having to say that you're sorry. (p. 168)

33. Would it be healthy for a relationship if a husband and wife apologized only for mortal offenses? (p, 168)
34. When was the last time you celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
35. What are some fears surrounding the sacrament?
36. What is your reaction to this paraphrase: When we bring our darkness to the light, the darkness no longer has power over us. (p. 170)
37. What is your reaction to this statement: Who we become is infinitely more important than what we do or what we have. (p. 171)
38. What is your reaction to the analogy of cleaning a new car on page 172?
39. If you don't go to confession frequently, then why?
40. What is your reaction to this statement: Whatever you do, don't dialogue with the tempter. (p. 174)

### **Chapter 13**

41. What do you think about/contemplate most in your day? (p. 179)
42. How much silence is present in your life? (pp. 181-182)
43. Could you spend 10 minutes a day in the classroom of silence? (pp. 184-185)
44. What is your reaction to this paraphrase: The difference between happy and sad people is their sense of mission. (p. 186)
45. What is your reaction to this statement: Action without prayer is the curse of most modern humanitarian organizations. (p. 187)
46. What is the geography of your prayer? (pp. 188-189)