

**DOMINICAN CENTER AT MARYWOOD  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PRACTICUM  
YEAR 1, MODULE 2  
FEBRUARY, COMBINED SESSIONS 1&2**

**REFLECTION:** Answering God's Call.....Choose one of the following for your reflection.

**Matthew 21: 28-32**

*"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of the father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you."*

**Luke 12: 22-31**

*"But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.....God knows what you need. Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."*

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*+I quiet myself and relax in the presence of God. I declare my dependency on the Holy Spirit.*

**Blessing or Grace to be desired:** I ask for the gift of an intimate knowledge of God and the grace to respond in love and service.

**Reflection:**

+How do I see myself in this scripture reflection?

+What are my feelings as I listen to these words?

+What is there about the person and priorities of Jesus which has drawn me into being a Christian disciple?

+What in my life symbolizes my willingness to commit my energies to the person and values of Jesus?

+Regardless of my age or other life circumstances, what freedom is there in my life for dreaming and imagining how to extend the reign of God? As I reflect where do I experience movement / countermovement?

+What invitation comes to me? What is needed to respond?

+In all honesty, what do I hesitate to give up or to do in order to better respond to God's call?

+How am I prompted by the Holy Spirit to integrate the invitation into my spiritual formation, into my ministry as spiritual director, my life?

**Response:** I share my heart, my feelings (the inner movements of this prayer time) with Jesus. I close with prayer from my heart.

**Journal:** What do you notice deep within your feelings, emotions, interior movements/countermovements. What will you take with you from this prayer experience?