DO NOT DESERT GOD, abandoning Him in trials! Pray, trust, listen to Him and WITNESS! On his way home Joshua stopped to rest under a shade tree, but a mean old man told him to move on. Some kids were selling refreshments and saw what happened. One of them named Peter offered him a drink. His Jewish friends from the synagogue saw him walking and picked him up. That evening he spoke at the synagogue. A large crowd gathered, including many rabbis. He thought about the scribes and Pharisees, there were none here. No institution, no structure in Judaism like the days of old. The Church has assumed that role now. Too bad the Church did not develop more like the synagogue. But Jerusalem had to be destroyed before that could happen. The rabbi opened with prayer and Aaron read from Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me. He has sent me to preach to the meek, to heal the contrite of heart, to preach release to captives, and to give sight to the blind; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of visitation of our God, to comfort all who mourn."

Joshua walked to the lecturn. Silence came over the sanctuary. He began, "My people, the words Isaiah proclaimed have more meaning today than ever. God has not abandoned his people! He has been with you through all your joys and trials. You may have felt abandoned when you were scattered and despised by the rest of humanity. You may wonder what happened to the Anointed One he promised to send? But listen to me well. You have never been forsaken! Nor has God been far away from you, even in your darkest hours. You are still his chosen, his beloved, his bride, dear to his heart. You may question, 'Then why has his voice gone silent and his powerful arm not outstretched to help us?' I tell you, let the lonely wanderings in the desert and the scattering among nations who despised you speak for themselves. God gave your forefathers the key (Scripture) to understanding his signs and his messages. They speak no less clearly today than in ages past. Listen to them and hear what they say so clearly. Trust God! What he has promised he will carry out! Although you may have walked from his paths, abandoning him, he is still faithful. But you must not look for him and his salvation in the world and its leaders. His love for you is so intimate that should he manifest himself to you in a personal way that expresses his desire to be present in your midst, you should not be shocked by the unexpected. He is, as Isaiah said, your 'Emmanuel,' God in your midst. God is One and you are destined and chosen to be the witnesses through which He will speak the truth to the prevaricating nations, helping them to come to an understanding of Oneness and God's plans for mankind. Pray to be worthy of your call. Never doubt that Yahweh is ever at your side. Do not try to find your Messiah or your salvation in a worldly leader. God alone is your Messiah, and only in him will you find peace and fulfillment of your long-sought destiny."

When he finished everyone applauded. The rabbi said, "I felt that as our beloved friend was speaking, that I was hearing the voice of another speaking through him, and that what he said was not his own but a message sent through him." During the social hour many people told him they were inspired by his message. Marcia said, "I can easily imagine God taking on a form that we can understand to assure us of his love." Aaron asked, "Would you elaborate about the presence of God becoming manifest in a personal way?" Joshua said, "God can be present in many ways. Be careful not to prejudice yourself and say, 'He can't come in this or that' because if we do, we risk rejecting him if he comes to us in a way we do not expect."

THE SPIRIT CLEARLY WARNS THAT IN THE LATER TIMES SOME WILL ABANDON THE FAITH AND FOLLOW DECEIVING SPIRITS AND THINGS TAUGHT BY DEMONS. SUCH TEACHINGS COME THROUGH HYPOCRITICAL LIARS, WHOSE CONSCIENCES HAVE BEEN SEARED AS WITH A HOT IRON. (1 TIM. 4).

CARD 118: BE WORTHY
WITNESSES! GATHER
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## Card 117: Churches Are Closed, Deemed "Non-essential Businesses!" Pray to Be Worthy Witnesses of God's Love! SATAN IS REIGNING IN THE ABANDONED CHURCHES! Do Not Desert God. Abandoning Him in Trials!

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY, CONDENSED AND INTERWOVEN WITH MARY'S MONTHLY MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE ON THE 25TH.

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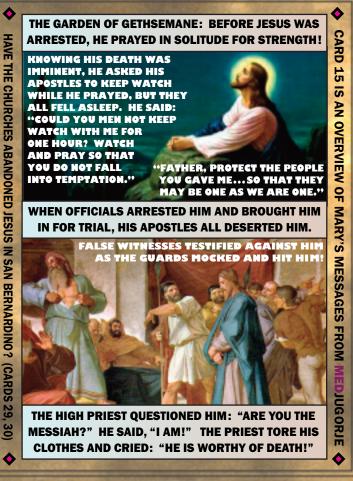
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**JESUS** WARNED A NUN. MOTHER MARIANA, IN THE 16TH **CENTURY:** "IN ALL TIMES I NEED VALIANT **SOULS TO SAVE MY** CHURCH AND THE \*PREVARI-CATING WORLD. **KNOW THAT** DIVINE JUSTICE RELEASES **TERRIBLE** CHASTISE-**MENTS ON ENTIRE** NATIONS. **NOT ONLY** FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE, **BUT FOR** THOSE OF **PRIESTS** AND **RELIGIOUS** PERSONS.



\*PREVARICATING WORLD: LACKING CLARITY OVER THE TRUTH.

PRAY AND WALK WITH JESUS DURING HIS PASSION TO SHARE IN HIS RESURRECTION!



"DEAR CHILDREN: I AM WITH YOU ALL THESE YEARS TO LEAD YOU TO THE WAY OF SALVATION: RETURN TO MY SON! RETURN TO PRAYER AND FASTING! LITTLE CHILDREN, PERMIT GOD TO SPEAK TO YOUR HEART BECAUSE SATAN IS REIGNING AND WANTS TO DESTROY YOUR LIVES AND THE EARTH ON WHICH YOU WALK. BE COURAGEOUS AND DECIDE FOR HOLINESS. YOU WILL SEE CONVERSION IN YOUR HEARTS AND FAMILIES; PRAYER WILL BE HEARD; GOD WILL HEAR YOUR CRIES AND GIVE YOU PEACE. I AM WITH YOU AND AM BLESSING YOU ALL WITH MY MOTHERLY BLESSING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING RESPONDED TO MY CALL" (MED. 3/25/20).

## UNWORTHY WITNESSES: SATAN IS REIGNING IN THE CHURCHES! Be Converted! Pray to Be Worthy Witnesses of God's Love!



**"DEAR CHILDREN:** May this time be an incentive for **personal conversion** for you. Pray, little children, in solitude, to the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in faith and trust in God, that you may be worthy witnesses of the love, which God bestows upon you through my presence. Little children, do not permit trials to harden your heart and for prayer to be like an

(abandoned) desert. Be a reflection of God's love and witness the risen Jesus by your lives. I am with you and I love all of you with my motherly love" (Med. 4/25/20).

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY is a National Best Seller by Father Joseph F. Girzone, a Catholic priest. This series began with Ark Box 6 and card 108. To write the cards I listen to my inner voices and abridge the book and incorporate Mary's current messages from Medjugorje and current Catholic calendar and world events into it. It is essential to know that the first inner voice you hear in every trial is God's voice, followed by Satan's voice of doubt and fear. Decide to trust the first voice! On Friday, March 13th, 2020, President Trump, after listening to the doubts and fears of lawmakers and public health officials over the coronavirus pestilence, decided to declare a national emergency and announced the lock down of America, closing all "non-essential businesses" and not permitting "meetings" deemed "non-essential." On March 18th Mary announced in her annual message she would no longer give messages on the 2nd. On the 25th she announced: "Satan is reigning!" Father Girzone wrote the parable to convey a prophetic message: If the risen Jesus came unexpectedly today, would the churches—His houses of worship—be witnessing His trust and love or would they be deemed "non-essential businesses" and their "meetings" deemed "non-essential," permitting Satan to reign and restrict our freedoms? Would they be a house divided or standing as One? In the parable the Heavenly Father sends Jesus (Joshua) to America, essentially to witness how to end Satan's reign. He is an outspoken critic of Church practices. Chapters 15 and 16 follow.

SHEPHERDS: Be converted! Pray to be worthy witnesses of God's love and trust like Peter! Permit him to speak to your heart! Joshua had carved two very different statues reflecting the Apostle Peter's personality for two very different churches. The pastors wanted to remind their congregations of Peter, whom Jesus had chosen to be the first shepherd to lead His Church. Father Darby, the rector (priest and administrator) of St. Peter's Episcopal Church was a very pompous man and requested "a grand figure of the great Apostle Peter!" He envisioned him as a man of "great proportion and equal dignity, not unlike myself." He was shocked when he saw his statue. It was not what he expected! Peter was on his knees, caressing the head of a dying beggar and his tiara was lying on the ground. He said, "This is not the great Apostle Peter, but some pious servant I do not know!" Reverend Rowland, the pastor of a poor black Pentecostal church, was also shocked at his statue! Peter was standing in toga and stole, wearing a tiara. His church believed that all authority rested in the Scriptures, not religious leaders. The two decided to exchange them. Joshua expected they would soon have a change of heart! He was right! Reverend Roland called Father Darby. He liked the message of the dying beggar; it spoke clearly from the living wood, but he already knew that message. He felt as if the figure had become dumb and no longer spoke to him. Father Darby admitted that his statue fit only too well in his stately church, but it said nothing. It was as if Peter refused to speak. The two pastors agreed to exchange them back. When Father Darby looked closely at the face of the dying beggar, he was shocked! He did not expect to see what he saw! It was himself! Peter was on his knees, caring for him! Essentially, he prayed, "Jesus, forgive me of my pride and help me change so that I would be a worthy witness of Your love and trust by my life like Peter."

IN 1594 OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS WARNED MOTHER MARIANA, A NUN IN ECUADOR, THAT SECRET MASONIC SECTS, WHOM SHE CALLED "THE SATANIC LODGES," WOULD CONTROL THE WORLD IN OUR TIME. SHE WARNED THAT IN TRIALS IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE CHURCHES OPEN: "WOE TO THE WORLD SHOULD IT LACK MONASTERIES AND CONVENTS! MEN DO NOT COMPREHEND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE, FOR IF THEY UNDERSTOOD, THEY WOULD DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO MULTIPLY THEM BECAUSE IN THEM CAN BE FOUND THE REMEDY FOR ALL PHYSICAL AND MORAL EVILS. NO ONE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH IS AWARE WHENCE COMES THE SALVATION OF SOULS, THE CONVERSION OF GREAT SINNERS, THE END OF GREAT SCOURGE, THE FERTILITY OF THE LAND, THE END OF PESTILENCE AND WARS, AND THE HARMONY BETWEEN NATIONS—ALL THIS IS DUE TO THE PRAYERS THAT RISE UP FROM MONASTERIES, CONVENTS AND CHURCHES" (CARD 93).

**SATAN IS REIGNING** *in the "non-essential business" of the churches!* Joshua had a confrontation with Father Kavanaugh, the pastor of the Catholic church, and now received a letter from the Office of the Bishop, wanting him to report to him for questioning. On Friday he walked to the bishop's office in the city four hours away. He had no money for a ride because Father Darby had delayed paying him. It was hot and he sweated profusely. The office was a modern office building rather than a traditional chancery (*ecclesiastical court*). It is here that the business administration of the diocese is carried out. It reminded him of temple porticoes (*entrances*) and the scribes and Pharisees preoccupied with the **business of religion**, and all its irrelevant (**non-essential**) legalities. Joshua sat in the hall and waited. He could hear conversions from the many offices, discussing the business matters of the diocese. As in times past, monitoring monetary matters was the essential occupation of religious leaders. There was no way to monitor spiritual matters anyway. That was God's businesses! Joshua thought, "How much they enjoy the business of the kingdom. If only they could become fired up with the same zeal for souls."

Finally, he was ushered into the bishop's lavish office. The bishop got right down to business. "Joshua, I have asked you here because we have received many letters, complaining about things you're saying about the Church." Joshua doubted this was true. He knew he was there because Father Kavanaugh had complained about him. The bishop said, "I hear you like to talk about religious matters." Joshua said, "I am interested in people's relationship with God, which is different from the business of religion." The bishop questioned, "What are your ideas about God?" Joshua could see the emptiness of his spirit. Perhaps he was a good administrator but he had very little spiritual depth; his life was consumed with his position in ecclesiastical politics. Joshua answered, "Jesus is the living expression of the Father's love." The bishop questioned, "What do you believe about Jesus' ideas about religion?" Joshua answered, "To Jesus the Church's essential concern in a prevaricating world is to foster people's relationship with God, witnessing to them to work together and care for one another to build trust and love among the families of nations. But religious leaders today like the scribes and Pharisees of old have set up church structures that imitate worldly businesses and governments. In running people's lives this way, they have severely restricted the freedom Jesus intended his followers to have." The bishop questioned, "Where do you get your ideas? Have you studied theology?" Joshua answered, "I speak about things I know are true, which you also know are true." The bishop, irritated, questioned, "Have you been telling people they are free of their pastor's authority?" Joshua answered, "I tell them they are free and to let no one take that freedom from them." The bishop now agreed with Father Kavanaugh, if his message of freedom took hold, it would cause a schism and the churches would be empty. He said, "More Christians should be like you." Joshua knew he was not being honest. The bishop ushered him out and then told the chancellor, "He's dangerous! We have to get rid of him. Call a meeting of the consultors; but don't call Bob or John, they'll have a conscience problem." Joshua walked down the hall alone, passing several priests. He smiled, but they were too busy with their work to notice him.