

**SF Spirituality Days 2021 - Jan15: WORLD
GENERATING HOPE IN A CULTURE THAT DEBASES HOPE
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INITIAL GREETING

1. THE CULTURE THAT DEBASES HOPE

A culture that does not generate hope

- a) The first reason for the lack of hope in our culture is the lack of a place to go towards**
- b) Hope reduced to a will, hope a fact of will**
- c) Hope debased to something secondary**

1.2. Pastoral reflections

- d) A pastoral ministry devoted to organisation**
- e) Little attention paid to the great questions of mankind**
- f) The danger of self-centredness**

1.3. The products of reduced hope

- g) The reduction of desire to need. Three things: time, risk, limit.**
- h) The reduction of the subject to an individual**

Pastoral attitude

"Hope is an intrinsic element in the structure of life, of the dynamics of the human spirit. It is an intrinsic structure of how we are made: we are made to hope, without hope we die.

THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

2.1. Three short quotations: uncertainty, tragedy, loneliness.

2.2. Romans 5:5: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us".

2.3. What can we do?

- i) "Forgetting the inner dynamic at work in the call to believe and contenting ourselves with piling on beliefs: this is the sin of our pastoral work".**
- j) "It is not enough to proclaim the Gospel, but it must be proclaimed as the Gospel".**
- k) "It is not that what is preached in Christianity is not Christianity, but that preaching is not Christianity".**
- l) "Strengthened by this hope, we behave with great frankness".**

PART 3 - PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERATING HOPE

- 1. First. Move from a language of truth to a language of possibility in action.**
- 2. Move from a language of command to a language of beauty.**
- 3. Then, third, a meaningful language.**
- 4. And fourth, it must have the style of gratuitousness.**
- 5. It must touch on concreteness.**
- 6. And attention to interiority.**
- 7. Everyday life.**
- 8. We were saying that hope, as well as trust, is combined with relationship.**
- 9. And last point, we need to create an outgoing pastoral care.**

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