

## Following in The Footsteps of Jesus Martha Fernandez, Argentina, IB Member

"For this is why you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, so that you may follow in his footsteps" 2 Peter 2:21

No one doubts that Jesus is the quintessential model of obedience, which we must follow as believers to achieve an intimate, fruitful relationship with the heavenly Father, and the peace we long for. What was the secret of the Son of God, when he was here on earth, to remain firm, against the stalking of the evil one, against his enemies, against illness, and against the same death as the one he had to face? Did he use his divine power, or did he remain in complete dependence on his Father?

The answer is complete dependence on the Father. He came with a mission, and he fulfilled it to the end, although it was a very hard mission. The only way to carry out the mission was by being in complete communion with God, through a deep knowledge of the Word of God and continuous communication through prayer.

Before the day began, Jesus would get away and pray. Before each miracle, he prayed. He raised his eyes to heaven to consult his Father. Before fulfilling the great mission for which he came to this world, that of reconciling us with God, there was a Gethsemane, in which he prayed, and from which he emerged victorious without fear of going through the most significant test that a human being can face.

As a child, he knew the Scriptures thoroughly, discussed them in the temple with the scholars, faced Satan in the temptation in the desert, and answered firmly with the word. In the temple, in the Sermon On The Mount, and so many passages we read Jesus' teachings were based on the word of God. He was the living confirmation of what God wanted from human being, close communication with Him, knowledge of his will, and blind obedience to his commands.

As nurses, we can also reach the stature of Christ, if we understand that apart from God, we can do nothing. Every day as professionals, we must put our day, and our tasks in his hands alongside the word of God, to see if we are doing his will. Consult God in prayer about what he wants for our lives, our families, our countries, and our profession. Let's follow the example of Jesus. For this, we were called to have a life of obedience, following in the footsteps of Jesus, who lived and suffered trials like us but emerged victorious because to serve God, we need to live as Christ lived, praying and seeking his direction in the scripture

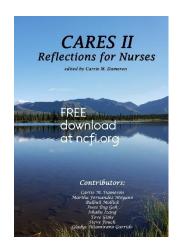
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