

STUDY GUIDE INTRODUCTION

THANK YOU

Thank you for being a part of The Wild Goose.

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series I will continually be praying that you will encounter the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit will breathe life into your very being.

HOW TO WATCH

Pray. . . Come Holy Spirit. At this very moment, stop and ask the Holy Spirit to come to you.

If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

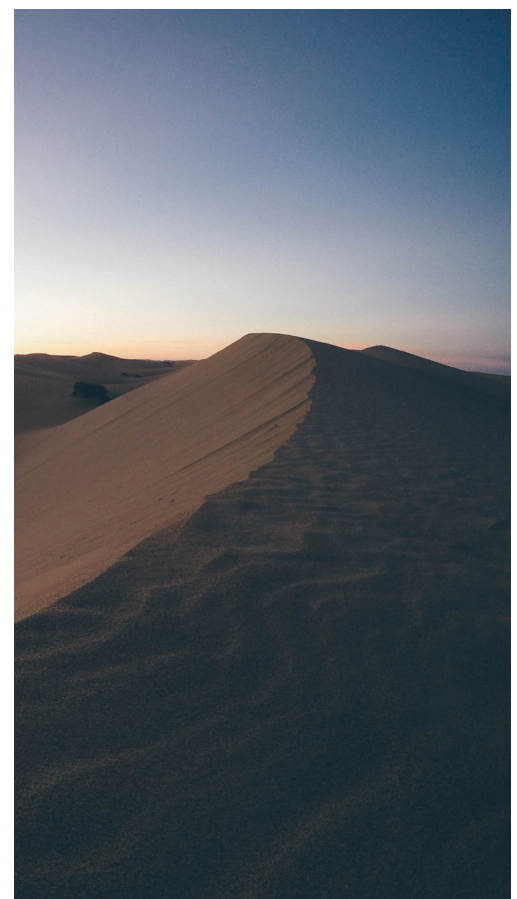
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THE WILD GOOSE



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-FR. DAVE PIVONKA-



WHAT TO WATCH

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent segments dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. For the most part, each segment stands on its own so you do not have to watch them in any particular order. However, **the first three segments** give a type of foundation to the others, so I would suggest that you start with these. After that, take a minute and ask the Spirit to lead you in what you should watch next. Listen to what the Spirit says and go with that!

While I certainly hope that you watch each segment, I would suggest that you not binge watch. Take your time working through the series. I can't encourage this enough, take your time and pray

at the conclusion of an episode. Each segment has a study guide that provides a very brief synopsis, key texts, discussion questions, and perhaps most importantly prayer and reflection ideas.

Please don't dismiss this section. I believe the blessing of this series will be directly related to how you are able to quiet yourself and pray. We need to make ourselves available to God's Spirit if we are going to be able to more fully experience his loving presence. Also, consider having a prayer journal where you can jot down thoughts and reflections as you make your way through the Wild Goose series.

"THE HOLY SPIRIT IS
THE TRUE **HOPE** OF
THE WORLD."

-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II-



BY YOURSELF OR WITH OTHERS?

Both.

The series has been created to be a blessing to an individual who watches alone and to groups so it is not necessary that you be a part of a group. In fact, "alone time" is an important part of the series.

However, I would hope that you would also invite others to join you in journeying with the Wild Goose. Consider watching and discussing the contents of an episode with a few other people, friends, family, or couples from your parish. You do not necessarily have to watch it together at the same time and place; that may be nice, but not very practical. Nevertheless please think about inviting others to join you.

After watching each episode share your thoughts and reflections with each other over a cup of coffee or a stout, Facebook, a phone call, email, texts, or smoke signals: whatever allows you to talk about what you heard God say through the particular episode. This also provides an opportunity for you to share the fruit from your prayer and reflection. There is a great power in our ability to articulate and share what we see God doing. This is where the discussion questions and prayer section will very much come in handy.

I am so excited about what God is going to do in your life through the Wild Goose. You are always welcome to share testimonies of the wonderful things God is doing on my website: www.theWildGooseIsLoose.com

Once again, thank you for being a part of what God is doing. Be assured of my continued thoughts and prayers. Come Holy Spirit.

Fr. Dave

GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

SEGMENT 1

SYNOPSIS

"God is love" - 1 John 4:8

This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. God is Love and the Lord's Love is perfect, passionate and unconditional. There is nothing that we can do that would cause God to love us more and nothing we can do that would cause him to love us less. We are able to come to experience the beauty and freedom of God's Love by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God reveals the Love of the Father that changes us. When we experience God's Love we come to understand in a powerful way that we are in fact "lovable." God's Love reveals our beauty and goodness before him.

DISCUSSION

1. How does the reality of God being Love change your view of God, love, and yourself?
2. All "love" is not the same. Consider for a few minutes the meaning that today's culture attaches to "love." Compare this to the Love of God.
3. It is the Love of God that gives beauty and meaning to the human person. How do we experience this and share it?
4. What can you do to help facilitate a rediscovery of the Love of God and the dignity of the human person?

GOD IS
LOVE
1 JOHN 4:8

REFLECTION

Come Holy Spirit.

Take ten minutes of quiet prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to come. Don't be in a rush; ask and wait.

After a moment or two begin to slowly repeat: "God is Love." Allow those words to fill your mind and heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to pour the Love of God into your heart.

Imagine your heart being opened and love being poured in. In a very quiet whisper, slowly repeat those words, pausing on each word of Scripture: "God - is - Love."



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*"ONLY THE **HOLY SPIRIT** CAN PROMPT YOUR HEART TO SAY 'FATHER.' ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT OPENS YOUR HEART TO **LOVE.**"*

-POPE FRANCIS-

KEY TEXTS

ROMANS 5:5 *"The Love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*

1 JOHN 4:8-11 *"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another."*

JOHN 4:4-39 *The story of the Woman at the Well.*