

## God Answers Our Prayers – A “Case” by Mafer Galvez

In recent weeks I've been seeing how present God is in my life and in the lives of everyone. And not just in prayer and in the sacraments, but in very common ways. Before, I used to see him in sunsets and those random white butterflies that somehow always come up when I need a reminder of God. But now I feel that the way he shows himself is the equivalent to a divine slap in the face. Just the other day, as I was preparing a talk for the middle school retreat, I received a very real affirmation from God. Our theme is based on the movie "Finding Dory", but baptized into "Finding Glory". So my talk was about how we are the Glory of God when we are living as He intended us to. When we are using the gifts and talents He gave us for his Glory. Essentially, I was following the famous quote "The Glory of God is man fully alive", which I found online while doing some background research. But because I was working on my own and because this topic can be taken in many different directions, I asked Jesus for some affirmation to let me know that this was actually what the girls needed to hear. But it was one of those afterthought prayers that I don't actually expect much of an answer to.

So the next day, we had our monthly retreat which was preached by one of the consecrated in DC who has been so important in my formation, Glory Darbellay. She talked about St. Therese of Lisieux, and how she learned to love her littleness, and in her own way offered it up to God. Then at the end of the talk in conclusion, she added "the Glory of God is man fully alive". Of course I looked up surprised, but I also knew that she had given that same talk in past groups, because she had shared this with us. So I wasn't so surprised, until later when I was thanking her for the retreat. I mentioned to her that she basically affirmed my talk for the middle school retreat when she said that quote. She looked at me and said how funny it was because she had given that same talk, with written notes, twice before, and she hadn't thought to add that particular quote before. She said that then that was directly from God to me. Then of course I freaked out and was overjoyed to see how God really and actually answered my prayer. Something else that struck me was how calmly Glory said all of this. It makes me think that this must not be so out of place for her. How incredible to be such an instrument of God. And how beautiful to see God reaching to us in our daily lives and answering those prayers that even we don't think much of.