



Mary: Undoer of Knots

Video Transcripts

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Day 1

Introduction to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

As a priest and spiritual director, one of the things I often caution people on is reading the spiritual recommendations of Saints or Theologians from two far in the past. Not that this can't be a great benefit in the spiritual life, but you need a lot of wisdom to do that because, each time in history, and even each country or location, effects the people in that place or time. As we look throughout history, there are different needs and different struggles and different difficulties and if you take the advice from 500 years ago or 1,500 years ago and try to apply it to yourself, in your current state, it's not always going to fit because times change, circumstances are different. In our day and age, there's a particular devotion that providence, God's love and mercy, has brought to us to help us at this time and that's Our Lady Undoer of Knots. Our Lady, obviously is, a constant help to us in all centuries and all times and all circumstances.

As we look at her under her particular devotions throughout the centuries, even millennia, what we see is, she manifests her love and her goodness in particular and unique ways. For us today, we need someone to help us untie these problems in our lives and that's often how we experience them, these mysterious knots that seem to bind us and prevent us from just functioning in a normal manner or working properly and they seem very mysterious and we know they're often deep rooted, deep within our mind and deep within our heart. Our Lady then comes to us under this title, to do what she has always done, to help her children. To help them discover, once again, God's love for them and be able to receive that love. I think that's one of the most fundamental problems in our day and age.

It's not that we don't know God loves us, I mean any of us who go to church faithfully, hear that regularly, thank the Lord. We are unable to receive that love and I think because of these problems in our lives that we can't always perceive and if we can't even perceive them, there's certainly very little we can do about them so Our Lady comes to us under this devotion and she seeks to release us from these burdens, these challenges and the ways in which they bind us so that fundamentally first and foremost, we can receive grace, we can receive the Love of God and then from there, begin to grow in the way in which Our Lord is calling us. Until we can receive, there's really very little that we can ever do and I think that's a fundamental problem in our culture.

Saint John Paul the Second, called our culture, a culture of death. Yet, we have to live in this culture as Christians, as Catholics and it's not always obvious, exactly how much the culture affects us. We were raised in this culture, our parents were raised in this culture, their parents were raised in this culture and these knots often get handed from parent to child, generation after generation. Our inability to receive the grace that God wants us to have and so, this journey that we're taking is going to help us to turn to Our Lady Undoer of Knots and allow her to remove those problems from our minds and hearts so that we could first and foremost, receive the grace and love and mercy of God and then ultimately, finally, begin to share that same love and mercy with others. I ask you to please join us tomorrow as we continue on this journey together.

