

“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb” (John 20:1-9).

Easter Faith, Paschal Joy

After a period of reflection and grace, I realized this Gospel periscope is a call to deep faith leading to conversion. I named it Easter Faith. Further prayer led me to six (6) steps. Let me briefly share them with you.

- 1. Desire: This stage of faith moves from self to others. It yearns to spread the Gospel message and the mission of the Church. Easter Faith compelled Mary to the tomb.**
- 2. Journey: It can be a long road of joy, pain, success and failure. The early Church was built on Easter Faith.**
- 3. Search: Our Easter Faith does not grow solo. It seeks the Church through public and private prayer, study, sharing and ministry. We notice Mary did not go into the tomb but ran for the Apostles.**
- 4. Discover: We now find the risen Christ in the events, activities and persons in our lives as the Apostles found Him in Galilee.**
- 5. Embrace: We will embrace Him in those persons who cross our paths and enter or have been part of our lives.**
- 6. Rejoice: We will recognize God’s will and say alleluia regardless of pain, disappointment and sorrow. This is paschal joy.**

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