

## GOSPEL PEARLS

# Humanly inadequate means

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*Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. (Luke 6: 20-26)*

God often decides to use means that are humanly inadequate in order to achieve His purposes, making it clear to all that all our earthly plans and projects are realized solely because of His omnipotence. For example, for Marian apparitions declared authentic by the Church, the people involved are normally poor and rely on God. Sometimes these people are currently unable even to understand what is revealed to them. To be disciples and spread the message of His teaching, it is therefore necessary to be humble enough to follow Jesus instead of our weak and unstable will. Let us strive to cultivate more our spiritual humility than our will and desires for material goods.