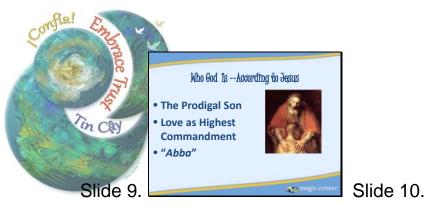
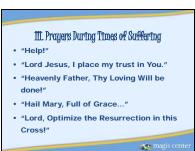


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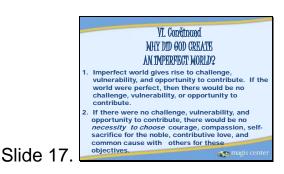


V. Following the holy Spirit when suffering When one door slams—the Holy Spirit opens another one, or two...
 When new opportunities arrive, they frequently are accompanied by a sense of desirability, fascination, energy, and even enchantment-inviting us toward them. Is this new opportunity consistent with my family and work obligations? If so, start acting on the new opportunity
Test the opportunity through Ignatian
Discernment- increase or decrease in trust, hope and love

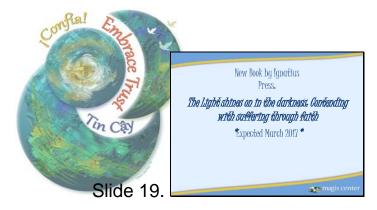
VI. WHY Does God Allow Suffering -Caused by Human Beings 1. If humans cannot choose "unlove" then they can't choose love. NO FREEDOM - no self-initiated love. 1. God made us in His image - not content to create mere robots. Slide 16.

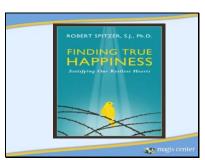
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WHY DID GOD CREATE AN IMPERFECT WORLD? Toodstoued 3. If perfect world - then we can't leave a legacy in this world or for the Kingdom. 4. St. Paul 2 Corinthians 12 - suffering breaks the spell of superficiality, pride, and ego-centricity. Slide 18.





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