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A quote from Pope Francis:

"God treats us in the same way: He does not indulge our desire to immediately and repeatedly change the world and other people. Instead, He intends primarily to heal the heart, my heart, your heart, and the heart of each person; God changes the world by transforming our hearts, and this He cannot do without us. The Lord wants us to open the door of our hearts, in order to enter into our lives. And this act of opening to Him, this trust in Him is precisely 'the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.' For when God finds an open and trusting heart, then He can work wonders there."

— Homily at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bazu, Azerbaijan, Oct. 2, 2016

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