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I am with you...

"I will never forget that night. I will never forget the faces of those little children, their bodies that the fire has turned into streaks of smoke under the silent blue sky. I will never forget those flames that have consumed my faith forever."

These are the images that the Romanian Jew Eliezer Weisel saw in the Auschwitz concentration camp. One of the few survivors, Elie could not reveal

even if I were condemned to live as long as God. I will never forget!"

More than 70 years have passed since then. Yet, in an inexplicable way, the images that Elie Weisel saw reappear, but in different shapes and places: Bucha, Mariupol, Irpin. And they reappear at a time when Christianity is celebrating the passions, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Even today, the issue of suffering remains one of the most sensitive arguments against the existence of God. The argument for denying the existence of God is this: If God were omnipotent, He could have stopped evil. If God were good, He would want to stop evil. But evil exists. Therefore, either God is not omnipotent, or He is not good. Or the easiest conclusion, God does not exist.

To emotionally support his arguments, Elie Weisel recounts how Nazi soldiers hanged two adults and a child on suspicion of sabotage. The men died instantly. Because he was smaller, the "sad angel face" child struggled in the ropes for an hour. "Most of the detainees were crying when someone behind me asked, 'Where is God? Where?' And a voice inside me replied, 'Where? Here it is. He hangs on a rope.'" Do you know what Eliezer means in Hebrew? "My God is my helper." In Elie Weisel's heart, God died in the noose of the gallows. In 1986, Weisel won the Nobel Peace Prize. He never won back the faith he lost at Auschwitz when he could not understand the connection between God's love, kindness, and omnipotence, on the one hand, and the suffering in the world we live in, on the other hand.

We celebrate Easter in times we never thought we would live—wars and rumors of wars. Anxiety, alarming rising prices, and the shadows of a new global crisis looming over humanity. Indeed many people repeat the echo of the Auschwitz voices: "Where is God?" C.S. Lewis, who lost his wife four years after they married, said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains." Amid the most severe suffering, Job cried out: "And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh, I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19: 26-27). Perfectly, however, God shows us the connection between His love, goodness, omnipotence, and suffering in the event of the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord, and Savior. Looking at the cross, we understand that suffering and death are consequences of sin. God's love and goodness are revealed in the fact that His Son took upon Himself our sufferings, giving us forgiveness and reconciliation with God and fellow human beings.

As people who understand this truth, we can say that God was and is good with Emanuel University. EUO has been involved in hosting and assisting war refugees in Ukraine. Some of the EUO professors were in Ukraine. Together

our school. On April 14-15, we hosted over 400 students from Romania for the *Quo Vadis Juvenis* Conference. This was an opportunity when hundreds of young people heard the Gospel. Our eyes see His presence among this suffering world's economic and social ruins.

In the middle of the Russian siege, the seminary president in Kyiv asked his wife to leave the country with the other refugees and he would stay and help the Christians in the city. His wife looked at him and said without hesitation, "Don't even think about it! I'll stay with you until the end!" We can hear the echoes of Jesus' words today: "and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Thank you for your prayers and the many sacrifices you have made in the Name of the Lord for Emanuel University! You've stayed with us so far. We are thankful. God bless you! He is faithful and will remain with each of you until the end!

Assoc. Prof. Dan Botică
President of the EUO Senate

QUO VADIS JUVENIS?

April 14-15 was a holiday for Emanuel University! More than 400 students from Romania attended the conference *Quo Vadis Juvenis?* where they heard the Gospel and made important decisions for their future.





Meet our professors!



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Assoc. Prof. Ioan Fotea

As one who received an excellent education in the Management Program of Emanuel University between 1999-2003, I saw the need to continue what people like Lord Brian Griffiths, John Lenton, Ron Basini, and many others who educated us spiritually and economically started. Therefore, after being hired by EUO after graduation, I agreed to guide the younger generations in the fields of Management and Marketing.

Being educated at Emanuel University of Oradea, I appreciated the fact that education is not only about the intellect or the professional field but goes one step further: in the spiritual field, mainly of character development. As for me, I don't see myself teaching in any other institutions besides EUO; otherwise, I would most likely be involved in production in a company. I hope that the passion and time spent during these years will be accompanied by the power of example, not just the actual contribution through my work.

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Stories of Faith



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Dr. Livia Creț

Q: We often hear about successful, strong, intelligent, or independent women. But what does it mean to be a woman, and where can you find the right way to live? Dr. Livia Creț, a medical doctor and graduate of the Emanuel School of Practical Theology, 2016/2017 class, answered these questions. You attended the Emanuel School of Practical Theology courses. How has your life changed through these courses?

A: The Emanuel School of Practical Theology is a precious stage of my life, one of the miracles contained in the great miracle of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of adoption into the family of God. In the fall of 2016, God divinely called me and met my hunger and thirst to know and serve with more passion, adoration, and dedication to the One who longed to be my Father and paid with the life of His only begotten Son for the fulfillment of this burning desire of His heart.

In order to give me a new birth certificate, a change of status and identity, God judged His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, in my place on the cross of Calvary and gave me His righteousness so that I can stand in the presence of His holiness, as a daughter with full rights in the family of heaven. I thus became the heir of all the spiritual blessings prepared for me in Christ before the foundation of the world. How can I not be passionate about knowing, living, and sharing this grace, this gospel, the good news of salvation by faith?

The trajectory of my life has not changed; it is the new and living way, which is called Christ, the only way that leads us into the presence of the Father. Instead, my spiritual life was enriched by meeting my brothers and sisters, the professors at Emanuel University in Oradea, through whom God taught me to organize better and systematize everything I had accumulated from the written Word, the Bible. It was an endless feast of tasty and hearty dishes, of words of eternal life that enriched all areas of my life. Growing in knowledge, obedience, appreciation, and love of God changed my thinking, motivations, attitude, speech, relationships, character, and life. Focusing on the One who is the source and essence of life transforms daily service into worship through the power of the One who works in us and can do more than we ask or think.

Interviewed by Cristina Bodor, Letters III

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