

**Side 2**  
**START >>>**

071 TARCISIUS  
You have Jesus inside of you!?  
Like...in your stomach?

072 DAMASCUS  
(laughs)  
No! It's...  
(groans in frustration)  
I'm sorry, Tarcisius. Father Rufus  
explains this a lot better.

073 TARCISIUS  
Well...I want to learn.

074 DAMASCUS  
You do?

075 TARCISIUS  
Yes. Can you take me to meet Father  
Rufus?

076 DAMASCUS  
Hold up, little brother.  
(changing his mind)  
Maybe you should forget you saw  
anything. If Mamma ever found out--

077 TARCISIUS  
But I can't forget. When I saw you  
taking Eucharist today... it felt  
like there was a presence there.  
Like someone had just come into the  
room, and suddenly I remembered.

078 DAMASCUS  
Remembered what?

079 TARCISIUS  
What it was like when Pappa was  
here, and we used to pray together.  
But it was so much more than that,  
too. Please, I want to go back and  
learn from Father Rufus.

Beat.

080 DAMASCUS  
You saw the Christians being hauled  
off to jail today. It's dangerous.

081 TARCISIUS  
But it's not dangerous for you?

082 DAMASCUS

It is, but... I've been called by God to live this life. I've decided that I'm going to become a priest... like Father Rufus.

083 TARCISIUS

What if they put you in prison?

084 DAMASCUS

Then I'll be a priest in prison.

085 TARCISIUS

What if they... kill you?

086 DAMASCUS

(resolute)

I'm willing to give my life for the one who gave His life for me.

087 TARCISIUS

When Mamma talks about the Christians, she's scared. But when you talk about danger and prison and dying, you're not. Lately, every time I see you...you've never been so happy.

088 DAMASCUS

Because I have found joy in Jesus.

089 TARCISIUS

Then share that joy with me! If you really loved me, you'd want me to be closer to Jesus - like you and Pappa.

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(a beat)

Please, Damascus. Take me with you.

A long silence as Damascus contemplates.

090 DAMASCUS

If I thought you just wanted to go because I'm going, I wouldn't. But the way you talk about the Eucharist...

(sighs)

Tomorrow, I'll take you to the catacombs and you can meet with Father Rufus.

091 TARCISIUS

Thank you, Damascus!