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Living Lent | Day 30

Living the Sacrifice

***“We are afflicted in every way but NOT crushed; we are perplexed but NOT in despair; we are persecuted but NOT abandoned; we are struck down but NOT destroyed. We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, SO THAT the life of Jesus may also be displayed in our body.”
[emphasis added by contributor]***

II Corinthians 4:8-10 CSB

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

How do we know we are connecting with Jesus and allowing Him to work in and through us? Pastor Tony Evans says, “...we can look to Paul who wrote these words and see that we will be afflicted but not crushed- that is in the midst of life’s turmoil, we won’t sink into despair”

In John 16:33, Jesus tells us: “...in this life you will have trials and tribulations but be of good cheer, I, Jesus have overcome the world.”

James 1:2-4 states: “Consider it a sheer gift, friend, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well -developed not deficient in any way.” MSG

Bottom line: I know that in my life of 69 years, it is true that suffering, hard times, and seasons are when I have grown spiritually. Good times don’t produce that same growth BUT it’s always a choice. Hard times can make us bitter or better. I pray during this meaningful season that we choose to be better through the power of The

Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity

As you pray and sacrifice through fasting throughout this Lenten Journey, will you take this opportunity to pay forward in generosity a gift of at least \$1 per day throughout the 40 days for the Children? It is a privilege and a blessing to give as we all look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

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