

Wednesday, March 19th (2nd Of 5 Lenten Vesper Wednesdays)

Our Lenten Vespers Journey Started Here:

The liturgy for Ash Wednesday states:

"We are called to struggle against every-thing that leads us away from the love of God & neighbor.

I invite you therefore to commit yourselves to this struggle."

Matthew 20:18-19 (New King James Version)

¹⁸ **"Behold, "We are going up to Jerusalem", and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,** ¹⁹ **and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."**

Psalm 90:12 (New King James Version)

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Luke 9:23 (New King James Version)

Then He (Jesus) said to them all, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny him-self, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.**

Tonight's Reading: Luke 10:38-42 (New King James Version)

³⁸ *Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.*

**Read John 11 & 12 to learn about what village, Martha, Mary and Lazarus.*

³⁹ *And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.*

⁴⁰ *But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."*

⁴¹ *And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.*

**Matthew 4:4 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

**Psalm 139:23 (NIV) ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) . . . Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

⁴² *But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."*

Psalm 27:4 (NIV) One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. . .

God's Riches At Christ Expense

John 10:27-28 (NIV) ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Going Deeper with Scriptures to Ponder & Meditate on . . .

Psalm 46:10

Be Still, and Know...

GOD = For Who He Is

Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Exodus 20:3 (NKJV)

"You shall have no other gods before Me.

Matthew 6:9 (NKJV)

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

SIN = For What It Is

Romans 6:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ . . . Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV)

. . . Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

SELF = For Who I Am

Matthew 26:41 (NKJV)

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Galatians 5:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Romans 7:18 (NKJV)

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells:..

Romans 7:24 (NKJV)

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

James 1:19 "Take Note of This": _____
