



Transformation – A Lenten Journey

Spiritual Practices have been a large part of the Christian faith. These spiritual practices open us up for the Holy Spirit to *TRANSFORM* our lives. Anything in life calls for some sort of discipline whether in a sport, a job, a relationship, and especially our faith journey. As people of faith, we are called to run the race with endurance. Hebrews 12:1-3 says, "So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne. Think about the one who endured such opposition from sinners so that you won't be discouraged, and you won't give up." During this Lenten season, would you consider the call of Christ to deepen your faith through these spiritual practices? Some of these practices might be new to you and some might be challenging.

SERVICE --- April 6th – April 12th

"The servant-leader is servant first, it begins with a natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first, as opposed to, wanting power, influence, fame, or wealth."

— **Robert K. Greenleaf, *Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness***

April 6th

Scripture: *"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."* — Matthew 20:26

True greatness is found not in titles or accolades but in the humility to serve others. Jesus, the King of Kings, washed His disciples' feet to show us that service isn't about status—it's about love and sacrifice. Let your service today reflect His heart for others.

Prayer: Lord, help me to serve with a humble heart, putting others' needs before my own.

April 7th

Scripture: *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."* — Luke 16:10

Service isn't always about grand gestures. It's in the small, everyday moments—holding a door, offering a smile, lending a listening ear. God honors even the smallest acts of service when done with a heart of love.

Prayer: God, open my eyes to opportunities for service, even in the little things.

April 8th

"Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing." — Psalm 100:2

When we serve God and others with joy, our service becomes a form of worship. No matter how demanding the task, serving with a joyful heart reflects the love and gratitude we have for God.

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart full of joy to serve You and others every day.

April 9th

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." — John 15:13

Service sometimes requires sacrifice. Jesus laid down His life for us, showing the ultimate example of sacrificial love. Though we may not be called to such a drastic measure, every act of service is an opportunity to reflect His love.

Prayer: Lord, help me to serve sacrificially, even when it costs me something.

April 10th

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." — Philippians 2:4

Service begins with those closest to us. Our communities—family, friends, neighbors—are where we can make the most impact. Look for ways to serve and love those around you in practical, tangible ways.

Prayer: God, show me ways to serve my community and be a light in their lives.

April 11th

"If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." — 1 Corinthians 13:3

Love must be the foundation of our service. It's not about how much we do, but why we do it. If our actions aren't motivated by love, they are empty. Let love guide every act of service.

Prayer: Father, fill me with Your love so that my service is meaningful and impactful.

April 12th

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

We are called to serve one another in times of need. This can be through practical help, offering encouragement, or simply being present. When we carry each other's burdens, we reflect Christ's compassion and care.

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart that is sensitive to the needs of others.