

Lent is a Season for Renewal

We all experience “knots” in our lives: difficulties, wounds, hardness of heart. Lent is an opportunity to let God work on those knots, turning us upside down and inside out—remaking, reshaping and recasting us in God's image. You are invited to take a strip of fabric and to tie knots in the cloth as you think of the knots in your life. Through Lent, you might keep the cloth with you, adding and untying knots as you notice God at work in you and through you.

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Marcos 8:31-38

Jesús comenzó a enseñarles que el Hijo del hombre tendría que sufrir mucho, y que sería rechazado por los ancianos, por los jefes de los sacerdotes y por los maestros de la ley. Les dijo que lo iban a matar, pero que resucitaría a los tres días. Esto se lo advirtió claramente. Entonces Pedro lo llevó aparte y comenzó a reprenderlo. Pero Jesús se volvió, miró a los discípulos y reprendió a Pedro, diciéndole:—¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Tú no ves las cosas como las ve Dios, sino como las ven los hombres.

Luego Jesús llamó a sus discípulos y a la gente, y dijo:—Si alguno quiere ser discípulo mío, olvídese de sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y sígame. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda la vida por causa mía y por aceptar el evangelio, la salvará. ¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero, si pierde la vida? O también, ¿cuánto podrá pagar el hombre por su vida? Pues si alguno se avergüenza de mí y de mi mensaje delante de esta gente infiel y pecadora, también el Hijo del hombre se avergonzará de él cuando venga con la gloria de su Padre y con los santos ángeles.