

40 Days to Easter: a Journey of Transformation

February 25th

Daily Devotional #1

As we begin considering our “first official day” of our 40 Days to Easter: a Journey of Transformation, I think it fitting that our first daily devotional together be a “thinker.” What I mean by that is this: we are gathering together in this forty day journey to purposefully engage with GOD and one another in our quest to be Transformed for Kingdom Living. That, in a very positive, joyful sense, deserves our making time today to think and consider – and even dream – about the One we are attempting to honor, become more like, and live as His very real, appointed and authorized representatives. (that’s a mouthful!)

So, think about our thematic graphic that tells the Story of Jesus of which we are Witnesses:



- **He Came** – from His Throne in Heaven, to walk among us, teach us, live with us, and demonstrate the perfect, beautiful, and sacrificial love of GOD in the flesh. What great **love** He has for us!
- **He Died** – Jesus willingly sacrificed His own life for a far greater purpose (think about that... in a very real sense, because GOD decreed it, *we – humans – are His far greater purpose!!!*). This calls us to a life of sacrificial living for a greater purpose --- our great and loving GOD. What great **hope** the purposeful Cross gives to us.
- **He Rose** – Jesus victoriously conquered death and through His invitation and power, we are doing the same! There is nothing to fear for the victory is secured and already won! What great **peace** we have in an empty tomb!
- **He Ascended** – back to His Heavenly, eternal Throne. The victory of Jesus over death is completed as He reclaims His rightful place at the right hand of the Father and continues His reign forevermore! He is the King of Glory – in Heaven, across all of eternity, and He is the King of our Glory – now and forevermore! What great **victory** we have in His reign!
- **He Is Returning** – ah!!! What a grand promise (absolute fact) we have to look forward to! He is returning to take us all Home – our forever Home where He absolutely, completely, and joyfully reigns and blesses and receives our praise in ways and depths that we cannot even begin to imagine! We are here, on this earth, living His presence, for Him now. He is coming back to take us Home! What great **promise** comes from this **fact**!

So, as GOD’s Family, let’s joyfully consider these things today. What a blessing it is to belong to the ONE and Only, and through Him, to one another!

Blessings!
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