

40 Days to Easter: a Journey of Transformation

February 28th

Daily Devotional #4

*But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:44-45a NIV

“Love your enemies” doesn’t sound particularly fun when you consider it from the perspective of someone striving to do it. It seems unfair, beyond reasonable, too much. It sounds beautiful though, in the situations when I am the enemy. When I have hurt a friend, or taken too hard a stance on an issue and offended a stranger...or when I consider the Love of our God that he would choose to send, and choose to come, to save me. Someone who had betrayed, strayed from and failed Him, repeatedly.

“that you may be sons of your Father in heaven” – what an opportunity! There is something written inside us that beckons us to be a part of something great, something that matters. Watch any movie, read any book, listen to a song and hear the cries of the story tellers for adventure, community and purpose. We have been invited to join in the only true purpose there has ever been or ever will be! We have been invited to be a part of something that will last forever!

As we go through the day, let’s rest in the Love God showed when he came for us, and strive (to make strenuous effort) to see this invitation as the adventure it is!

Blessings!

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