



Hanging on Every Word Lenten Resource

Note: This is the final week of Lent. On Sunday, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in joyful worship and praise. On next Sunday, those of you who chose to fast will conclude your fast. Thank God for blessing you with the opportunity to reflect on God's goodness amidst our own sinfulness and rebellious ways. May we all consider the beauty of God's presence and sustenance in our lives.

Monday

- Read Luke 23:44-49
- What stands out to you in this text? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus was able to entrust his entire life to God?
- Why do you think the Centurion was able to proclaim that Jesus was innocent?
- Say a prayer of submission to God. Tell God that you will entrust him with your life. Conclude your prayer by declaring, "Father, into your hands, I commit my life!"

Tuesday

- Read Psalm 31:1-16
- What phrase or word in this text stands out to you? Why?
- In the seventh word from the cross, Jesus uses a phrase from Psalm 31(verse 15). How can the words of this Psalm bless us and minister to us in times of distress?
- How can living fully into God's hands change the way we operate in times of despair, distress or disaster?
- Say a prayer to God that expresses confidence in God's ability to sustain you in difficult times and seasons.

Wednesday

For the past 7 weeks, we have explored the last sayings of Jesus. In response to his words, we were prompted to consider a spiritual discipline like fasting, prayer and service. This week, in response to Jesus declaring that he was surrendering his life into the hands of his father, we are enacting the discipline of submission. In submission, we are surrendering our life to God. Submission in this context is an act that leads to freedom. We are free from our own ways and ways of the world. In submitting to God, we are entrusting God with our lives. Below are the lyrics of a worship song written by Chris Tomlin. Read the Lyrics (or sing it if you know the song). Reflect on the lyrics that tell the story of Jesus. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer of submission to God.

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep
and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

At the cross
At the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You
I owe all to You Jesus

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down
Here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down
Here I bow...

Thursday

- Read Hebrews 10:1-18
- What stands out to you in this passage? Why?
- How does this plan of God demonstrate his love for humankind?
- How do we prepare our lives so that God can write his laws on our hearts? What role does submission play in this?
- Say a prayer asking for God's forgiveness for your sins. Conclude with a great big "Thank You." Consider all that he has done for you at the cross and Thank the Lord!

Friday

Today is what many call "Good Friday". It has been traditionally held that Jesus was crucified on the day before the Passover which fell on a Sabbath Day. Hallelujah, the Lamb of God was crucified for our sins! **At 7:00 PM**, our church will offer a Good Friday Meditation. If you are able, tune in to the service that will be offered virtually at <http://live.reynoldsburg.church>. In addition, while we consider the death of Jesus, let us not forget that 3 days after he died on a cross, he arose. So, indeed, Jesus died, and Friday was a dark day, but as someone noted, "**Sunday Is Coming!**" I am looking forward to worshipping with you this Easter Sunday!