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Lenten Plans

The Lenten Season is once again here. It seems to me that it was just a few weeks ago when I was trying to figure out what I would give up for Lent. That was a year ago.



I think I need to give up "the calendar" for Lent. Work, commitments, family matters, travel time, and preparing my taxes seem to fill all the days on the calendar. And then there's those pesky Wednesday Lenten church potluck dinners before service and the service itself. Thank goodness choir practice is now on Sunday after church for only 30 minutes. Thank goodness it's only for six weeks. I can't squeeze another thing into my life.

Have you ever stopped to wonder if Christ ever had thoughts like these? Have you ever wondered if He grew tired of healing people, preaching to people, walking miles on end to sleep on someone's floor in a strange town? Do you ever think He said "I'm way too tired for all this." "I'm not ready to sacrifice my life for these people."

Yet we struggle with finding one thing to sacrifice during this season. Some of us won't even try to give something up. It's way too hard. It's too much of an inconvenience for us. Sacrificing something interferes way too much with the events planned on our calendars. After all, it's only Lent. There will be next year that we can fit Lent into our plans.

John 3:16 tells us "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. That whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

During this Lenten season think about what Christ gave up. He made the ultimate sacrifice. No complaints, no checking His calendar to try and fit in the crucifixion, and not bartering with God that maybe He would do it next year.

What will your perspective be on Lent this year if you see it through the eyes of Christ? (dw)
Blessings,

The Christian Life Committee prays your Lenten time will lead to new discoveries of the love the Lord has for you.

Deb, Pat, Judy, Anita

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1. Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.*
- 2. Lord Jesus, think on me
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.*
- 3. Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
O be my health and life!.*
- 4. Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.*
- 5. Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past.
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.*

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