

Space for God God's Point of View

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...

"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. Revelation 22:12

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. John 12:25

CONFESSION

Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.

Reassure me of your promise, made to those who fear you. Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good. Psalm 119:37-39

WORSHIP

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—Matthew 16.21-28*



From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

"Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

ANCHORING PRAYER

My life is Yours. I take up my cross and follow You.

REVIEW OF THE HEART (recent days)

What am I willing to give up for the sake of following Jesus?

How have my personal views conflicted with God's will?

WISDOM

This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:25

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"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

—Jim Elliot

TESTIMONY What is God saying to me/us?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.

BENEDICTION

... everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.

Amen

Philippians 3:8-9a

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.