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Doing and Saying – a Christian Pilgrimage

Purpose – Week 36

What we're all about

Day 246. Who are we?

We are a distinct people. We are the people who follow – not the people who lead, not the people who rule, not the people who control and dominate. We are those who follow. We follow Jesus – not any Jesus, but Jesus the Christ, the one Anointed to lead people from death to life, from hatred and destruction to love, from loneliness to relationship, from despair to God. We follow Jesus as He leads us to risk, to dare, to walk on water and do other "impossible" things, always pursuing what is most loving, what is healthiest, what is most godly, what gives most joy to God our Father.

Write down your thoughts on the above. Does it truly define who you are? Explain.

Share your answer with others whom you trust.

Day 247: Whose are we?

In following Jesus, we belong to Jesus. We do not belong to ourselves, our nation, our tribe, our people, our body, our mind, our organization, or any earthly purpose – we belong to Jesus, pure and simple. Inside each and every one of us is Jesus, carrying us just as a shepherd carries a lamb.

How do you belong to Jesus? How does Jesus carry you?

Share your answer with others whom you trust.

Day 248: We are a residence for God

The heart of the church is deep conversation between God and us, God's people, worked out in our daily life of worship. Restoring the Temple, **the life of worship and prayer in all of us**, is priority. Establishing ourselves as a residence for God is the bedrock which then enables us to move out in ministry with the various vocations which God gives us. But first, we must make sure that we *are* a residence for God. Every day, invite Him in. **Ongoing unceasing prayer is critical.**

Describe your daily pattern of conversation with God. How do you invite Him into your life each day?

Share your thoughts with those you trust.

Day 249: Build Transformational Community

Community which changes hearts and minds, which enrolls its members into God's transformational story of death to life, sin to forgiveness, destruction to love, brokenness to wholeness. Community which encourages and expects genuine daily encounters with God, being carried by Jesus the Christ. Community which has ongoing Christian transformation, from baptism to death. Love is THE method. Always seek to worship God in love and do what is healthiest for all. Define love. Teach love. Live love.

How could you encourage a transformational community in your parish? What would you need to do?

Share your answer with others whom you trust.

Day 250: Proclaim Christ Crucified

The New World of God begins with Jesus on the cross. Christ crucified is the centre of our faith. The centre of the Christian message, the Christian story, and the Christian life and mission. God, through the sin-forgiving death of Jesus on the cross, frees us from the power of the present evil age so that we may be part of God's new age, his new creation. Launched when Jesus rose from the dead, awaiting its final completion when he returns, the New Creation is being pursued through Jesus, and will come into completion with His coming again.

How is Christ crucified the centre of our faith? How is it the centre of our life and mission? What does the New Creation look like?

Share as you feel led.

Day 251: Teach

Teach our people who they are, whose they are, and how they are a residence for God. Teach them how to build transformational community. Teach them how to share Christ crucified. Teach our people to act this out in their daily living. Have Christ redeem those who are broken, rejected, despairing. Facilitate the broken into wholeness, the rejected into relationship, the despairing into hope. Heal. Teach people how to identify sickness, pray, and bring healing into it. Teach love: pursuing what is healthiest. Be clearer and clearer about our tradition, our faith, and God who lives with us.

What would you need to learn all that is mentioned in today's focus? What kind of teaching would be best for you?

Share your answers with those who can take advantage of them.

Day 252: Rest.

Rest, receive nourishment, feed both body and soul. Reflect on the past week and care for your needs (body and spirit). Pray. Dedicate this day to God. In the evening get together with a group you trust and share what you would like to from the previous week – good points, hard points, what you've learned, what you've struggled with, etc. Decide again if you wish to continue journeying together or want to stop.

Know that God loves you.