

Mosaic Teaching Guide

Teaching Series: *The Lenten Way*

Today's Teaching: *Submission—The Way of Freedom through Surrender*

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, 14 March 2010

Mark 8.34,35

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Philippians 2.1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Question for Everyone

On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being I have no discipline, I always procrastinate, I never complete anything, I have no self-control to 10 being I have perfect control over the entirety of my being in every circumstance, where are you on this "discipline" scale?

Stephanie the GPS

I must admit I have a love/hate relationship with Stephanie.

I've come to the conclusion that it's really hard to follow Jesus when you have authority issues.

Taking Up Your Cross

The gospel reading for today is perhaps one of the most difficult passages in the scriptures.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heaven burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for you souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light” (Matt. 11.28-30).

The Christian Paradox

At the heart the Christian faith is the greatest and most mysterious paradox of all.

Once you leave the tension of the paradox you have lost the truth of the paradox.

It is the invitation to be caught up the grand narrative of grace so as to write a beautiful story in cooperation with the Divine Author.

It’s All About the Music

The best musicians aren’t afraid of long rehearsals, tedious practice, long hours in the practice room, because for them, it’s all about the music.

Hiroimi

She plays with just joy and passion and freedom and abandon.

Paul’s Hymn

It is interesting to note, that Paul uses a song to help describe life in the way of Jesus.

Revolutionary Subordination

“Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Paul).

Haiti

Next Week: *Confession and Guidance—The Way of Spiritual Solidarity*