

March 22, 2026

1 Group

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Mark 1:15

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1. What is the good news (gospel)?
2. Who is it good news for?

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The good news (Gospel) is that the kingdom of God has come near in Jesus.


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I want to shift our thinking from "the gospel is about becoming a Christian" to "the gospel is about the kingdom and the king."

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If the good news is that Jesus is king, what kind of a king is Jesus?

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As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her."

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Umbel them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."
Matthew 21: 1-3


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This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion: 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
Matthew 21: 4-5


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King + Gentle (gentile? Or gentle?)


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The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.
Matthew 21: 6-7

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A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
Matthew 21: 8

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The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
Matthew 21: 9

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When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21: 10-11

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Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were **buying** and **selling** there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. Matthew 21:12

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"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.' " Matthew 21:13

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What is King Jesus like?

Jesus opposes people who make it difficult for others to meet with God, who miss God's heart, who pursue power.

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The **blind** and the **lame** came to him at the temple, and he **healed** them. Matthew 21:14

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Illus. Jesus aligns with the powerless

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But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the **children** shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were **indignant**. Matthew 21:15

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"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "**Yes,**" replied Jesus, "have you never read, " 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?'" Matthew 21:16

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What is King Jesus like?

Jesus moves toward the humble, powerless, and the needy.

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You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' Revelation 3:17

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Do you see yourself as needy?

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You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But **you do not realize** that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. Revelation 3:17

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I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Revelation 3:18

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Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and **repent**.
Revelation 3:19

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The good news is that Jesus is King.
Who is the good news for?
The humble, powerless, and the needy.

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The way we turn to King Jesus is called repentance.
The humble, powerless, and needy repent. Regularly.

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March 15, 2026

1 Group	2 1. How does following Jesus differ from religion?	3 Jesus: Spiritual (the heart) → physical (behavior) → life (now/eternal). Religion: Physical (behavior) the-spiritual (heart) → death (now/eternal)
4 2. Key Biblical Events	5 - Manna in the wilderness	6 - Manna in the wilderness - Jesus feeding 5,000
7	8 When they found him back across the sea, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" John 6:25	9 Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free." John 6:26
10 "Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you , food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last." John 6:27	11 To that they said, "Well, what do we do then to get in on God's works?" John 6:28	12 Jesus said, " Throw your lot in with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God's works." John 6:29
13 Who have you 'thrown your lot in with'?	14 Have you thrown your lot in with Jesus?	15 They waffled: "Why don't you give us a clue about who you are, just a hint of what's going on? When we see what's up, we'll commit ourselves. Show us what you can do. " John 6:30

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Moses fed our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'
John 6:31

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Jesus responded, "The real significance of that Scripture is **not that Moses gave you bread** from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread.
John 6:32

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The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world."
John 6:33

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They jumped at that: "Master, give us this bread, now and forever!"
John 6:34

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What 'bread' do you think will satisfy you?
What is your, 'If I only got ___ then it would be okay?'

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Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me **hungers no more and thirsts no more**, ever. I have told you this explicitly because even though you have seen me in action, you don't really **believe** me.
John 6:35-36

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Do you know what our challenge is?
We think we can actually change our circumstances.

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Every person the Father gives me **eventually comes running to me**. And once that person is with me, I hold on and don't let go.
John 6:37

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I came down from heaven not to follow my own whim but to **accomplish the will** of the One who sent me.
John 6:38

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"This, in a nutshell, is that will: that everything handed over to me by the Father be completed—not a single detail missed—and **at the wrap-up of time** I have everything and everyone **put together, upright and whole**.
John 6:39

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

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This is what my Father wants: that anyone who **sees the Son and trusts who he is** and what he does and then aligns with him will **enter real life**, eternal life. My part is to put them on their feet alive and whole **at the completion of time.**

John 6:40

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Spiritual (the heart) → physical (behavior) → life (now/eternal).

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"I'm telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: Whoever **believes** in me has **real life, eternal life**. I am the Bread of Life.

John 6:47-48

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Your ancestors ate the manna bread in the desert and died. But now here is Bread that truly comes down out of heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will not die, ever.

John 6:49-50

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"Throw your lot in with Jesus."
"Come running to Jesus."

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I am the Bread—living Bread!—who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

John 6:51

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The reason **we believe** that Jesus is the Bread of Life is the resurrection!

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At this, the Jews started fighting among themselves: "How can this man serve up his flesh for a meal?"

John 6:52


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Jesus said to them: "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."
John 6:53


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Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.
John 6:54-55

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On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"
John 6:60

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Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?" Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!
John 6:61-62

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The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.
John 6:63


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From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.
John 6:66

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"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
John 6:67

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Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:68-69

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Do you want to leave too?

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Do you want to leave too?
To whom will you go?

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"Throw your lot in with Jesus."
"Come running to Jesus."

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Jesus, I admit I have been looking
for life apart from you.
You alone hold the words of
eternal life.
I believe in your resurrection.
I throw my lot in with you.

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While they were eating, Jesus took
bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
Matthew 26:26

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Then he took a cup, and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them,
saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is
my blood of the covenant, which is
poured out for many for the forgiveness
of sins."
Matthew 26:27-28

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March 8, 2026

<p>1 Group</p>	<p>2 Do you ever find yourself surprised that temptation is still part of your life?</p>	<p>3 We never outgrow temptation.</p>
<p>4 Temptation: an enticement to sin</p>	<p>5 We will never outgrow temptation. But we can learn not to fall for it.</p>	<p>6Lent JTTC_BoxKey_... <small>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. Matthew 3:16</small></p>
<p>7Lent JTTC_BoxKey_... <small>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17</small></p>	<p>8Lent JTTC_BoxKey_... <small>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Matthew 4:1-2</small></p>	<p>9 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Matthew 4:3</p>
<p>10 The temptation to comfort. Meeting a legitimate desire in an illegitimate way.</p>	<p>11 The tempter says, "You can't trust God to meet your needs. God is holding out on you."</p>	<p>12 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4</p>
<p>13 God is smarter than you.</p>	<p>14 God is smarter than you. God has a plan for sex.</p>	<p>15 God is smarter than you. God has a plan for sex. God can be trusted.</p>

Everyone dies with sexual brokenness in their life.

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The temptation to meet a legitimate desire in an illegitimate way.

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The temptation to meet a legitimate desire in an illegitimate way. Jesus is saying, "Even when I am hungry, God can be trusted."

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Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

Matthew 4:5

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"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Matthew 4:6

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The temptation to control. Demanding that God do your will.

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God, if you don't ____ then I ____.

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This way of thinking is a temptation. God can be trusted.

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Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Matthew 4:7

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When I trust God, I don't put him to the test.

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Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9

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The temptation to compromise. Separating obedience to God from the worship of God.

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Every offer of power that comes with compromise is from the devil.

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Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:10

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When you trust God, you never separate worship and obedience.

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Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.
Matthew 4:11

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The temptation to:
Comfort – meeting a legitimate need in an illegitimate way
Control – demanding God do your will
Compromise – separating obedience and worship

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How do we fight temptation?

1. Let God's Word speak directly to your temptations.
2. Recognize that every temptation is a test of trust.

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Ultimately, we can overcome temptation because Jesus overcame it in our place.

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March 1, 2026

1 Group Easter'26_1...



But among you there must not be **even a hint** of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed.
Ephesians 5:3

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Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking.
Ephesians 5:4

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Let no one deceive you.
Ephesians 5:6

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Do not get drunk on wine.
Ephesians 5:18

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For of this you can be sure: No **immoral, impure or greedy person**—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
Ephesians 5:5

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Try **Harder**

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Follow God's example, therefore, as **dearly loved** children...
Ephesians 5:1

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How are we to follow God's example? As **dearly loved**

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...and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and **gave himself up** for us as a fragrant offering and **sacrifice** to God.
Ephesians 5:2

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Love is sacrifice

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"I'm willing to give up what I want so you can have what you need – because that's what Jesus did for me."

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Love is emptying

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But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:3

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Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:4

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Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

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What do I want to trade?

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Feb 22, 2026

1 Group	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baptized into the Catholic church- Elementary school in a traditional Lutheran church- MS and HS in a modern Lutheran church- Interdenominational college	3
4 Liturgical and non-Liturgical	5 Liturgical churches emphasize fixed prayers, prescribed patterns of worship, and the church calendar.	6
7 Non-Liturgical do not follow the church calendar and emphasize spontaneity, flexibility, and local leadership.	8 Lent: The 40 days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter.	9 Where did Lent come from? What does Lent invite us to do?
10	11 1. The early church had no power.	12 2. In 313 AD Emperor Constantine of Rome became a Christian
13 3. By 1000 AD, Lent, the 40 days before Easter, became a season of preparation and renewal.	14 What does Lent invite us to do?	15 Lent is a season of repentance and renewal.

Repent:

- Turn to God
- Change your mind
- Re-think your Thinking
- Turn from what you trust in other than God
- Re-acknowledge Jesus as King

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From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 4:17

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I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:7

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"The time has come," he said, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:15

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Repentance is how we come to faith in Jesus and how we grow with Jesus.

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Over 1,000 years ago, the church recognized that Christians need a dedicated season of repentance.

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But why do Christians need this?

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Trusting God isn't something we do once. It's something we return to again and again through repentance.

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When was the last time you recognized you needed to repent? What was the specific situation?

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The purpose of Lent is to help us discover where we need to repent.

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"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Joel 2:12

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Fasting: saying no to something good so you can say a greater yes to Jesus

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Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:13

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For 2,000 years Christians have connected fasting and repentance.

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Lent: A Journey to the Cross, is our invitation to join them.

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Fasting: What is the Spirit inviting you to say 'no' to, that you might say 'yes' to Jesus?
- Food (not eating certain foods)
- Digital Fast
- Alcohol/Dessert/Sugar

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How? Take 10 minutes without your phone and ask God to bring to mind what you might say 'no' to for the next 40 days.

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We can't become 'like him for others' without repentance.
Lent will help.

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Fasting: What is the Spirit inviting you to say 'no' to, that you might say 'yes' to Jesus?

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