

Laying Down My Life And Taking It Again

Session 4 – LEADERSHIP- Class 2 Notes

2 Corinthians 4:5 *we preach Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves your servants for Christ sake*

John 10:11-18 *knowing when to lay down your life and when to take it up again.*

We receive Christ's life (Zoe) and lay down our life (soul). All is well until we are not returning to Christ's life and have to sustain our laying down our life (soul) by our own life (soul). That's when our life (soul) is being taken from us. It's time then to return to the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul.

John 21:15-22 (18) *when you were younger, you girded yourself and went where you wished;...*

If we are to walk in more love we are to:

- a) Care for others
- b) Let go of control.

Let's identify some areas in our lives where we are being carried but don't want to go.

1 Peter 2:13-25 (16) *using our liberty as bondservants of God (18) servants be submissive to your masters with all fear (21) for Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps(23) but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously. (25) have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.*

I have now come to return my soul to my Shepherd and Overseer (Bishop)

Acts 20:28-30 (28) *the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd (feed) the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

We are always leading because we are always being led. We are led by the Spirit or by the flesh: walking in the Spirit or the flesh; serving from the inward man or the outward man.

1 Peter 3:1-7 (4) *beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit (7) dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as you the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life*

I can be one hundred percent right, but one hundred percent wrong in my motive.

Luke 12:48 *To much is given much is required.*

Romans 15:1-7 (1) *We who are strong are to bear with the scruples of the weak and not please ourselves.*

AN OVERVIEW OF 1 PETER 1-5

1 Peter 1 ...you have an inheritance in heaven while being tested on earth receiving at the end of our faith the salvation of our souls. Salvation

1 Peter 2 ...chosen generation, peculiar people to show forth His praise and to walk through suffering as Jesus walked, returning our souls to Him

1 Peter 3...live this out in our marriage and in all relations. Not returning evil for evil, or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing

1 Peter 4 ...as Christ suffered in the flesh arm yourselves also with the same mind. Pray and love and give what you have to benefit others. Do not think it strange the fiery trial which us to try you. Just make sure you suffer as a Christian. How? By committing our souls to as a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as being lord over the flock, but being examples to the flock.

There is a reward, but first comes humility and submission. Sufferings will lead to being established, strengthened and settled.