

Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

Overcoming Our Self-centeredness

Who among us likes sacrifice? Do we not seek to please ourselves, to spare ourselves, to shield ourselves and those we love from pain or disappointment or failure? Unlike us, *“Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him”* (Matthew 16:21-22). Peter loved his Lord; He didn’t want Him to suffer. Our answer to the temptation to self-centeredness should echo Jesus’ answer to Peter, *“Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man”* (Matthew 16:23).



Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I know that I sin greatly and that, indeed, I am sinful. My sin lies so deep within me that often I don’t even know it or realize how it estranges me from You. Search me and show me my sin, that I might repent and be restored to fellowship with You through the blood of Jesus Who has atoned for my sin. In His name. Amen.

Blessing on your stewardship journey!