

# St. Luke's Messenger

Dear Parish Family

February—March 2017

I hope and pray that all is well with you as we have begun a New Year. I know for most of us, 2016 brought many challenges our way!



**Greg Kronz**  
Rector

Most of us had unforeseen expenses due to Hurricane Matthew. We now have a new President (some are happy, some are not, but at least the campaigning is over and we are in a new era that we all need to pray for!). We have lost some beloved people from our parish family; for some, friends and others, family. Every year brings its blessings and challenges.

As we enter this New Year, I would like to share with you some gleanings from my daily time with the Lord that I shared recently in a Wednesday service. I had been reading from Mark's Gospel, Chapter 1, at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. What struck me, after several days of reading, can be found in three paragraphs from Mark 1:29-45. In order to understand my "gleanings," you will need to read this scripture. Just before this section of Scripture, where Jesus was teaching in a synagogue and healed a man, he and some of His apostles went to Simon Peter's mother-in-law's home. When they arrived, they found Peter's mother-in-law with a fever. Jesus healed her, and she immediately started to serve them. No fanfare, no special attention; she responded by serving our Lord. Peter's

brother, Andrew, was there; along with Jesus' other "intimates" James and John; who, along with Peter, were there when Jesus was transfigured, when Jesus raised the little girl from the dead, and when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and He asked them to pray. They all understood that healing was a natural part of ministry, but that serving the Lord was a response to His grace and His call.

In the second paragraph, especially in verses 35 and 38 of Mark, Chapter 1, we are told two of Jesus' priorities: "He went to a lonely place to pray" and "We must go to other towns so that I might preach, for that is what I came to do." When we study the life of Jesus in this first chapter, we find that Jesus responded to the needs of people when they sought Him, when they inquired, and even when they didn't (Peter's mother-in-law). Jesus, in His compassion, healed them. But, that was not His primary purpose in His life or in His ministry. In His life He sought to love His Father and worship Him. He worshipped Him in solitude; we see that practice of Jesus over and over again. It was His practice to have that personal, intimate relationship with Him, to build that love, and to worship, as well as to pray. We are made to worship (read Psalm 139); and when we know Him, we seek to worship Him, alone, and in community. And, Jesus was most concerned about salvation: where people would spend eternity. That is why He told His apostles that His purpose, why He came, was to preach (see Romans 10:14, 17). The miracles and the healings would point to who He is and to His compassion. They would give Him and His ministry credibility. But, that is not why He came. The cross and the resurrection: they were about salvation. That is why He came. His priorities: loving His Father enough to seek Him out to pray and worship Him; to love others enough to get them the message of salvation though preaching and the cross, that they might spend eternity with Him.

In the third paragraph of Mark 1: 29-45 a leper seeks to be healed. He knew Jesus could heal him; He had just healed many! Jesus did heal him. Then, Mark writes something very interesting: "Jesus said sternly to him....." I find that curious! Why? Jesus would tell the man, now healed, to go to the Temple, show the priests (he had to in order that he might be let in....in order to make a sacrifice)...in order to worship!! Jesus' first priority! Then, tell the religious leaders. That was the order. That is the proclamation Jesus had in mind for him, in order for him to serve Him. What does the healed man do? He goes out yelling; and his disobedience and following his own agenda prevents Jesus from being able to preach.

The point: we love the blessings! Whether we are in the church, or of the world: we love the blessings!

God's desires, God's priorities: that we serve when we experience the blessings of Jesus. Take the example of Peter's mother-in-law to heart.

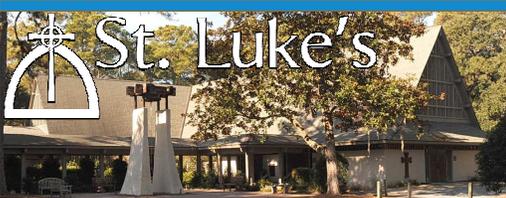
Jesus' love, when His love is ours: we seek to worship, individually and in community. That is what He lived, modeled, sought! And, Jesus was about salvation: He preached and He went to the cross for the sake of others. He wants people to spend eternity with Him. He can heal, did heal, does heal; but those who were healed would eventually die. It is temporal, temporary. Yes, it is a blessing. But, if it is the only blessing you seek: this world kind of blessing, and not His priorities, you miss His heart!

February brings us Valentine's Day: a day when people think about love and romance. Think about God's kind of love: costly love, aimed at eternity. We have a lot of un-churched and under-churched people on this Island. People we know; people we love. Do we love them enough to want to spend

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**A CHURCH IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION**

## Our Focus

- Upward: To worship and serve the Lord
- Inward: To grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- Outward: To share our faith, our hands and our hearts, for the sake of the gospel, our community, and the world.

## Flower Guild

Altar flowers are available on the following dates: February 5, 12, 19, 26 and dates after April 23.

Flowers can be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Cost is \$100. Call the church office at [843-785-4099](tel:843-785-4099) to schedule your special date.



## Church Mouse

Lots going on at The Church Mouse; thanks to a team effort by volunteers and staff, as well as very generous donors, we increased our sales by 17% over last year, and were pleased to give away over \$400,000. That's right! The 55 recipients received \$352,000 in grant and outreach monies, and \$48,000 in pass through goods. Of course credit goes to our customers who come in faithfully to shop. You can see the list of recipients when you come to the store, as it is posted just outside our front door. Our heartfelt thanks to all.



Like so many others, we experienced damage from Hurricane Matthew. Several trees from next door fell on our roof, and a cell phone tower went down. Would you believe, we are still struggling to get these issues resolved. We needed to close the store for nine days, but thanks to efforts of staff and volunteers we were able to open and carry on despite a hole in the roof (not so nice when it rains). We think we have this finally resolved.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming clothing flip in March. Be sure to check our website, [churchmousethrift.com](http://churchmousethrift.com), for dates and details. Also like us on Facebook for new arrivals and weekly sales.

We will be in the St. Patrick's Day parade! Come on down and cheer your Mouseketeers as our truck rolls by – there will be candy! Date is Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm.

Anyone needing community service or work hours is welcome to volunteer with us. Or if you are looking to volunteer on a regular basis, we would love to have you join us. We have several departments that can use an extra hand – or two. Just call Debbie at 785 2322.

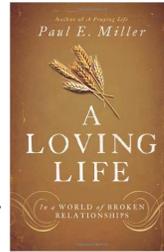
As always, our gratitude to you for helping us help others.

## Ladies' Bible Studies

Tuesday Friends Study for Ladies of all ages: Tuesdays at 12:30 in the Missions and Ministries Building.

Real MOMS for Mothers of school age children: Wednesdays at 9:30 in the Missions and Ministries Building.

New study begins February 1st: The Loving Life, a study of The book of Ruth. For further information or to order a book please contact Judi Clifford 843-247-4858.



Picture from bottom: Tracey Elder, Gretchen Bauer, Cade Reddy, Melissa McNulty, Shelly Reindl, Wendy Methvin, Kyle Wallace, Melissa MacCabe, Shannon Alford, Starr Carr, and Leslie Robinson. Not pictured:



Natalie Izant, Krissy Roberts and Judi Clifford.

## Transitions

**Baptisms** - Eli Marsh, Levi Marsh, Tess Richardson, Oliver Richardson, Zoe Beck

**Deaths** - Peggy Austin

**New Members** - None

**Transfer Out** - None

## St. Luke's E-Zine

We send a weekly email to help you prepare for Sunday and upcoming activities. We call it our E-Zine. That's E-'zeen', like maga-zine. It's our weekly 'E'-lectronic maga-'zine'. Or E-Zine. Get it? To be added to our list, send an email to [publications@stlukesghi.org](mailto:publications@stlukesghi.org) with "E-Zine" in the subject line.

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## Donate with Marketable Securities

It's easy to make donations to St. Luke's by contacting your securities broker to request the transfer. Just indicate the company and number of shares that you want transferred. Be certain to include your account name and number on any written correspondence. Then instruct your broker to contact Amy Cross in the church office, 785-4099 for transfer details. Making gifts of appreciated stocks and bonds this way are frequently advantageous from an income tax standpoint.

## Fauré REQUIEM

ST. LUKE'S CHOIR—Sunday, March 26th!

In celebration of the Lenten Season, the St. Luke's Choir & soloists, accompanied by instrumental ensemble, presents Gabriel Fauré's beautiful large choral work REQUIEM at the 10:00am service on Sunday, March 26.



**CALLING ALL SINGERS** ..... join the St. Luke's Choir for this special service!!!

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, February 7, 5:15 – 6:30pm.

Rehearsal Schedule is: February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21

Rehearsal with instruments, Saturday,

## 2017 HHSO Youth Concerto Competition (Final Round)

1:30pm – St. Luke's Church

St. Luke's Church is delighted to once again host the final round of the HHSO Youth Concerto Competition for musicians who play orchestral instruments (excluding piano), ages 18 or younger who have not graduated high school. Up to 10 finalists, selected by a screening jury from all submitted selections, compete before judges and a live audience for \$2,400 in



Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door. Doors open at 1:00pm. Competition begins at 1:30pm.

cash prizes, scholarships to the Philadelphia International Music Festival, and a performance with the Hilton Head

## 2nd Friday Organ Recitals

February 10: Piano/Organ Duets - 12:00 noon at St. Andrew by-the-Sea UMC, 20 Pope Avenue.

Organists/Pianists:  
 JOO SOO SON  
 (Providence Presbyterian)

LINDA HAMILTON  
 (Holy Family Catholic)

DEBBY GRAVES (St. Andrew by-the-Sea UMC)

NINA RODMAN (St. Luke's Church)

March 10: Bach Birthday Bash – 12:00 noon at St. Luke's Church, 50 Pope Avenue.

Multiple members & friends perform favorite works by Johann Sebastian Bach

Concerts are FREE – Public invited – Presented by Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (lccago.org or [ninarodman@aol.com](mailto:ninarodman@aol.com))



## Annual Children/Youth Choir Musical

*It's Cool in the Furnace*



On Sunday, February 26, at 9:10am, the Canterbury, St. Nicholas, and St. Cecilia Choirs present the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the Old Testament book of Daniel (chapters 1 – 3). The cast includes Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon who can't remember what he dreamed or interpret it; Daniel, who, with God's help, recalls the dream and interprets it; Daniel's friends from Jerusalem days, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; plus wise men from the King's Court. Why did Daniel's friends get thrown into the fiery furnace? Did they die? Did they live? Come and learn the answer on Sunday, February 26 at 9:10am in the sanctuary!



Photos, top to bottom: Canterbury Choir and St. Nicholas Choir from Christmas Eve, and the St. Luke's Music Team from a frigid night at Dove Street at Shelter Cove on December 15.



## Coming up in The ZONE:

February in The ZONE:

Valentine's Service Project as well as mummification, hieroglyphics, and lessons on Joseph in Charge



In March we Leap into Lent including baking pretzels, making crafts, acts of love, seder meal, and palm crosses.

The ZONE is for kids from Pre-K to 3rd Grade. Fourth & Fifth Graders have their own clubhouse in The ZONE 45.

Begins at 9:50 on Sunday mornings in the Christian Education wing.

## BIG FISH

What makes Wednesdays WONDERFUL? The kids (ages 4-11) who are part of BIG FISH (Believers In God, Faithful In Serving Him).

We're continuing to follow the adventures (and the mistakes!) of Israel's Kings David & Solomon.



## Hero Central VBS

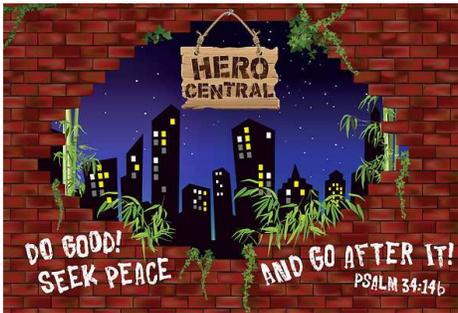
VBS will be here soon. As you plan family getaways, make sure you reserve these dates:



Sunday, June 11 5:00-8:00 pm Family Dinner, Day One of VBS, and Parenting Fellowship with Steve Chisholm

Mon-Thurs, June 12-15 9:00-Noon Days Two-Five of VBS

Thurs, June 15 7:00-8:00 pm Closing Program and Ice Cream Social



## Save the Dates!

**Feb. 10-12 Parish Retreat  
St. Simon's Island**

**Sunday, March 12: St  
Patrick's Parade:  
Games and food**

**Wednesday, April 5 BIG FISH  
Store  
Redeem "fish" for prizes**

**Sunday, April 9 Egg Hunt:  
Games, goodies, & the Easter  
story**

**CFM Beach Day  
May 7**

**HERO CENTRAL VBS  
June 11-15**

## Education & Discipleship Ministry

The Chili Cook-off and Rector's Forum was a great way to kick off the Education and Discipleship offerings for Winter/Spring, 2017. There were 15 different pots of chili and they were mighty fine! Watch for a repeat of this event next year.

Greg Kronz challenged us to engage as Christian Disciples, to become involved and committed in a small group. St. Luke's has Connection Groups, Bible Studies and other ministries that bring us together in Christian community.



What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts. Thus, we are equipped to love Him and others around us and to respond to His purpose in our lives.

We, as Christians, receive spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit and are called to use them to contribute to the Body of Christ. If you would like to learn

more about your spiritual gift and how you can use it at St. Luke's please call the church office today. St. Luke's has coaches

prepared to assist you to learn about your gifts, get in touch with your ministry passion, and get connected to one of the many active ministries at St. Luke's. Refer to the St. Luke's Lay Ministry Guide for a description of the ministries; a copy is available for your family and is posted on the website.



# St. Luke's Youth Ministry

## Ski Trip 2017



Our 7th annual ski trip to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia was a big success. We had 31 kids and 8 adults who braved the warm weather (temperature in the 50's!) but were still able to ski and snowboard on the mountain. It was a great mid year trip for the kids who have been coming out to our youth groups over the last semester. Our message on Sunday morning before we went to the slopes was from Philippians 4:6-7, which reminded us all to go to God in prayer to find peace and bring peace to others!

## Youth Group Schedules

### Middle School YOUTH

*Every Wednesday 6:15PM to 7:45PM.*

- 2/1 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 2/8 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 2/15 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 2/22 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 3/1 NO MS ASH WEDNESDAY
- 3/8 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 3/15 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 3/22 MS YOUTH 6:15
- 3/29 MS YOUTH 6:15

### High School YOUTH

*Every Sunday 6:30PM to 7:45PM*

2/05 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FOOTBALL GAME\*

2/12 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

2/19 Presidents Day No Youth

2/26 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

3/05 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

3/12 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

3/19 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

3/26 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

\*Jarvis Creek Park Details TBA

## Summer Mission Trip 2017

This summer the youth group is going back for the **5th annual trip to Urban Promise Honduras** from July 30 to August 6th. More information will be available at Wednesday and Sunday meetings. The trip is available for rising 8th through graduating seniors.



## Report from the Treasurer

*Sarah Tillman*

From the treasurer's point of view, I have good news, and I have bad news, and because I like to end on glass half-full, I'm going to go through the bad news first.

Our 2016 income was \$80,000 below what we had budgeted. As the finance committee was asking why this had happened, we wondered whether this was because of Hurricane Matthew's effects in October. While it certainly had a negative impact on our church family, it is not the cause for the continual, year-long shortfall. So the Finance Committee and Amy Cross had some hard choices to make all year long. No, no, no was the answer to most requests that weren't absolutely necessary. The end result was that it was an outstanding effort in keeping a balanced budget, as you can see on page 16 of the Annual Report, available on our website. But, that means that programs suffered. Maintenance on our buildings and grounds suffered. Personnel and staffing choices were suspended. That is not a long-term fix. We have a challenge.

We can either continue to cut expenses in order to not exceed our decreasing contributions, or, every one of us can contribute to make St. Luke's more vital than ever. We need your time, we need your talent, we need your treasure. As your treasurer, I plead with you to revisit your 2016 pledge, and if you are one of the 112 individuals and families that have come up short, please rectify that by writing a check.

Now the good news. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is more powerful than any plan to thwart us. Through Jesus Christ, we are here to save. That is our mission. We are improving our property and our buildings. We are investing in our long-term future at St. Luke's, and we need more families to join us at St. Luke's. When Keith and I first came to St. Luke's in 2003, we were in a very bad place. Many of you know our story, and have walked through this with us. Nobody asked us if we were tithing when we walked through this door. Our history as church-goers had been to decide if we would give up to twenty dollars in the offering plate. But thankfully there were St. Luke's members who were tithing so that

we might learn that Jesus forgave us. We might learn that Jesus loved us. Does love us. In fact, was the creator of love. Our tithing journey was scary. Keith reminded me today of a time that he wrote the check in complete faith, because the money wasn't in the checkbook. And it just so happened that the next Monday, we got a check in the mail that covered the electric, and the phone, and that check was from a parishioner here that had brought us into the church, for whom we had done a tax return as a favor. And he wrote us a check. Our tithing has become our blessing. We have stepped out in faith, and that's why we tithe. Because He has promised us. If you have not turned in your 2017 pledge yet, we ask you to please do so. And are you tithing? Trust Him in this. Invite your friends and family and neighbors to join us. We want to give everyone the opportunity to know Jesus. As their friend, and Lord, and Savior. Thank you.

## HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

*Missions Committee*

The Honduras Mission team has arrived home safe and sound. Here are some images that tell part of the story of their trip. From building a new outdoor kitchen (the old one had burned down) and an eating gazebo, to restraining a kitchen door and dining chairs, to gardening, cooking, bonding with the children, and of course worship, it was a full week for the team.



Bob & Tamara Augustine, Missions Committee Chairpersons  
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## February Outreach - Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry was founded in 1976 based on the Cursillo model and taken into prisons for the incarcerated inmates. The program is ecumenical and interdenominational which means it does not favor any single denomination, but teaches the Love of Christ and redemption possible for the participant if they agree to invite Christ into their life.

The program was taken into US prisons and has grown to cover approximately 40 states, and 9 other countries in scope. The ministry is active in over 450 sites, is run with a minimal paid staff and over 30,000 volunteers. More than 800 weekends are put on each year. The program is offered and the inmates have to request to be involved. If chosen they spend the three day week-

end with 42 residents going through the week-end. The weekend is self-discovery and relating with one another in a Christ like setting. Here they are subjected to a surrounding of the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. They are told we are not there to change them in any way, unless they decide they would like to change based on their acceptance of the week-end and its teachings.

We need 50 volunteers to put on a weekend. We also prepare 6 meals for 100 people that are taken into the prison so that part of the weekend is home cooked meals for all participants. The Kairos team also takes 7,000 dozen cookies into the prison. Every prisoner in the whole prison receives a bag of cookies containing a Bible Verse each night.



A weekend costs approximately \$ 5,500 to put on. This covers the 600 meals, all the supplies for the meetings and programs, and housing and kitchen facilities for the team.

It is amazing to see the change come over the inmates as the week unfolds. If you would like to become involved and see Christ in action, we always need new people to join us in this ministry.

## March Outreach: Missions

### MARCH IS MISSIONS MONTH!

Jesus calls us the spread the Good News of His Gospel from Pope Avenue to the Ends of the Earth. How are we to do that? Have you ever considered participating in Missions? The destination could be anywhere from the Allendale prison in South Carolina to Kibindu, a remote Muslim village in Tanzania. There are many ways to get involved in our Missions outreach. During March we will have the opportunity to hear from a number of the missionaries St. Luke's



supports in person or by video. We will learn more about missions. You ask how can I support missions? By going on a mission trip, by learning more about our missionaries and their needs. By praying for missionaries and mission trips. By sending them emails with words of encouragement and support.

The amount designated for Missions in St. Luke's Church budget does not come close to matching the support which St. Luke's has committed to provide to our missionaries. That shortfall is made up by generous donations from our St. Luke's

family and the matching up to \$20,000 of those donations by the Church Mouse. Please pray about a generous donation to Missions as the Outreach of the Month for March and follow as the Lord leads.

Blessings,

Bill Phillips

Missions Committee interim Chair

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## Dear Parish Family

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eternity with them? Make sure you pray for them, and look for opportunities to "preach" to them. You don't have to be "preachy." Just look for opportunities to talk to them about the Lord; invite them to church, and to lunch afterwards. Love them enough.

But, begin by loving Jesus first! Worship Him! Daily. Weekly. Seek to know Him more.

That way, when you love others, you are loving them with His love.

And, serve Him. It is so easy to look for others to serve. It is so easy to live for the blessings. Instead we should live to worship, live to serve, live to "preach".

That is what Jesus did. And Jesus is God. And, God is Love. Great thought for Valentines Day.

March will bring us the season of Lent. A Lenten discipline this year? Seek to practice the above. Commit to bring one person, one family (if not more) to church!

Pray, look, talk, invite. A different kind of Lenten discipline. But one that might change someone's eternal destination.

Someone you love.

Read Mark 1 in the next day or two, and pray about what I have written.

It just might grow your faith, change your walk, grow our church, and bring a blessing. A new and different kind of blessing.

In a New Year.

Love in Christ,

Greg Kronz

## Counselor's Comments: A Warm Heart

Sharon Smith

One of my pet peeves as a counselor is what I call the victim mentality. It is always a challenge to help a person begin to look at his or her choices when they really see no options. However, I think all of us have the risk of being in this position. Our culture is subtly teaching us that we have little responsibility for our choices, that someone or something is to blame for our predicament.

It is amazing to me the various hardships so many individuals are dealing with in their lives; broken relationships, illnesses, financial pressures. Every single thing in our lives is an opportunity to draw closer to God and depend on His strength rather than our own. However, we have to be willing to give up our focus on the difficulty. The first thing I suggest is praying for clarity on how to move forward. We always have choices, and it helps to actually write them all down – good and bad ones. As we seek God's will in prayer, we can choose our path and feel empowered as we make a change. Speaking from experience, this is not always easy to accomplish. However, God is faithful

to provide the needed support.

The other important ingredient in making changes is to clarify our boundaries with others. We are responsible for ourselves and to others. This means that we have to know when to say yes and when to say no, to hold others accountable for their own behaviors without withdrawing love. Once again this is easier said than done. However, it is more loving to honestly set a limit with another than to grudgingly continue to give more than we should. This balance is the thing with which we all struggle, and only God can show us the way.

Recently in a daily devotional written by Chuck Swindoll, I was taken with a quote that he referenced, "If your heart is cold, my fire cannot warm it." He has been focusing on Paul's ministry and how he had the ability to rise above all the hardship he experienced. He points out that, "A cold heart stays riveted on the hardship and refuses to see beyond the present. Paul's heart blazed with the fire of faith, allowing him to see the unseen." I

believe that in tough times we need to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength and comfort, but we also have to act. It is then that we truly see the power of God come alive in our lives.



I will end with a wonderful prayer that a friend recently shared with me:

"Dear Child of Mine,

As you go through this day, know that I am gently protecting you. I am as near to you as your very breath, as close to you as your heartbeat.

I can see the fragile state of your emotions. I know how close to the surface your tender feelings are. I am aware that the wick of your spirit's inner light is flickering in the winds of your dilemma. But you are my child, and I am on your side today. I will hold you in my love until you are strong again. Do not be troubled or afraid. Do not strive in your own strength, but lean into My love. Be strengthened by My Spirit. Find comfort in My mercy."

May you find comfort as you seek to know Him more deeply during the upcoming Lenten Season.



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