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Week Two of Lent

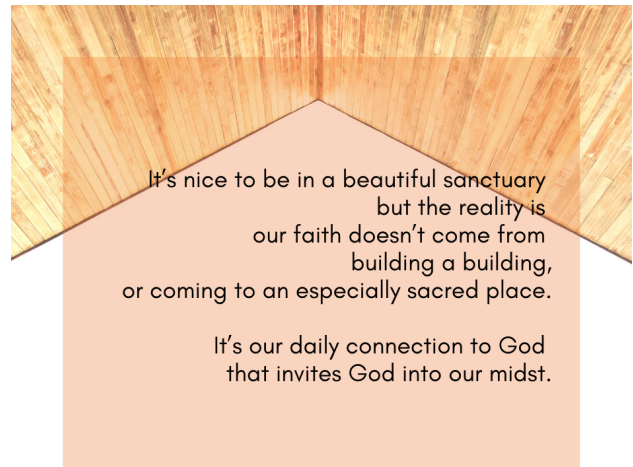
But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! Hebrews 9:11-14

In Hebrews 9:1-10 the writer reminds us of the sanctuary (tent) that was built in the days of Moses (Exodus 25). The writer reminds us of the elaborate and costly candlesticks, the incense, the Holy of Holies... so many powerful symbols of God's deity. When we contrast that scene to our very lives that now becomes the sanctuary where the Spirit of God dwells, what are the traits and strengths you have that can be used as symbols of God in your life?

More to Ponder:

Try to imagine the scene of animals being offered as a sacrifice. Maybe, like mine, your thoughts go to the messiness, the sounds, the smells. It is certainly a contrast of the "sanctuary" we are trying to embrace! But it does remind us that even in our own lives our best intentions and offerings can end up messy - not quite what we had envisioned. Take a moment to thank God for the salvation that is offered to us without price. What will you offer today to express your gratitude?

As you journey through this second week of Lent, choose one or more recommendations from the prayer guide to enhance your experience.



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