

Holy Monday - April 11, 2022

A New Day
[Lamentations 3:22-24](#)

“The steadfast love of the Lord...[is] new every morning;” – Lam. 3:22a, 23a

I retired about eight years ago. In that time my whole life changed. Some of you may be able to identify with this experience. Remember, at about age 50, you began talking about the number of years you had left until you would be free at last? All the things you meticulously planned out would now fill your days at the Happy Rest Retreat upon your retirement.

Well, forget all the bright-eyed thoughts you had about things like seeing the world, playing golf at several international resorts, going to New York City during the Broadway season, or making your first million playing the stock market. If you are like me, the reality is grandkids, yard work, laundry, and shopping trips occupy most of your time.

That is until the Lord called me to do some work for Him. It all happened during a long-term Bible study class called Disciple. The leader said we were going to cover 80 percent of the Bible during the duration of our class. The Disciple class would keep us somewhat busy during the next 36 weeks. The leader wasn't wrong about the amount of time involved, but the more I got involved in the study, the easier and more interesting it became.

Then a strange thing happened one Sunday morning in church. The pastor announced that the district office would be offering a class to train people interested in becoming lay speakers. Was this some new program and, if not, why had I not heard about it before? I posed these questions to my wife and the pastor. What they told me was that no one in the congregation was interested in these classes. Well, I said, today is a new day in my life, in the church, and in my retirement.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” As we journey to the cross this last week of Lent, let us not forget that as we plan our lives the Lord is also planning each step of our life.

So make sure your faith journey includes both prayer and time to listen to God's voice. Be sure to spend time lingering long at the foot of the cross. There you will find God's answer.

***Prayer:** God of our Hope, help us plan our lives and the work we do in your name to be for your Glory. May your faithfulness increase our faith. In the name of the risen Lord. Amen.*

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