

# LENT

## THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

LUKE 9:51

WHEN THE DAYS DREW NEAR FOR HIM TO BE  
TAKEN UP, HE SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM.



# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## "THE PURPLE CLOAK"

Mark 15:16-20

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

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# POWER.FULLY.WEAK.

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2Cor 1:23 – 2:4

“Teachable”

*2:4b not to cause you pain but to  
let you know the abundant love  
that I have for you..*

## 2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:4

But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. <sup>2:1</sup> For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. <sup>2</sup> For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?





<sup>3</sup> And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. <sup>4</sup> For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.



The  
Pain,  
Love  
and Joy  
of Correction





# The Pain of Correction

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## Being Corrected

How we do it wrong

Deny, Defend, Despair

Why we do it wrong

Arrogant, Insecure



# The Pain of Correction

2:1 For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you.

Correcting

How we do it wrong

Condemn, Avoid

Why we do it wrong

Arrogant, Insecure





# Matthew 18 Principle

Matthew 18:15-17

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

One on One

Small Group

Elders

## Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

You are just as sinful

You might be wrong





# The Love of Correction

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Healing, not condemning

For, not against



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## John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



The cross is the ultimate diagnostic. It accurately puts its finger on the ultimate disease, and then offers the only reliable cure. Accurate diagnosis is always necessary for there to be a real, lasting cure. Bad diagnosis will prevent cure from happening...The cross preaches that sin is our problem and that rescuing, forgiving, transforming and delivering grace is the only medicine that will provide the cure we all need.

Paul David Tripp, Devotional from Friday



# The Joy of Correction

<sup>24</sup> Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.



## Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



## Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

“If you are aware of your sin, you are aware of it only because you have been visited by amazing grace. Don’t resist that awareness. Silence you inner lawyer and all the self-defending arguments for your righteousness. Quit relieving your guilt by pointing the finger of blame at someone else. And stop telling yourself in the middle of a sermon that you know someone who really needs to hear it.”

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## Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.



# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.



# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

