



**Neighbors
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***How does Lent help me?
(Or - do you like standing alone?)***

Welcome from Kalamo!!
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Reckless Love

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How does Lent help me? ***(Or - do you like standing alone?)***



Pastor Jerry

- How does Lent help you? Or me?
- (Or - do you like standing alone?)
- What's Lent have to do with helping anyway??
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- Lent is a time when we are reminded that we don't have to stand alone...
- That we can call upon someone much greater than us...
- For comfort... strength... and guidance...
- And that someone is eagerly waiting for us!

- I would like to share how the season of Lent helps me...
- But first a story about my Dad...
- Strong, healthy, “squared away”...
- P - cancer...
- Fighter
- Never admitted...
- Death was inevitable
- We could not mourn with him...
- He wasn't able to reach out to us for support...
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- Most of us are a little bit like my Dad...
- I'm doing just fine, thank you...
- I have my... health, friends, money, occupation, the list goes on...
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- I'm doing just fine... no need to reach out...
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- Until something catastrophic happens..
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- Farmers probably experience this more than most...
- They are at the mercy of the weather...
- They can go from the most awesome harvest ever...
- To, absolutely nothing...
- Nothing they can do will change the weather...
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- we are not in full control of our lives...
- A tornado... storms... drought... arctic blast...
- Employer... our own health...
- If our spouse or partner leaves us...
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- We can take all the steps a wise and prudent person can take...
- And still find ourselves in a bad way...
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- When any of us experience one of these catastrophic events...
- It turns us upside down...
- We lose our framework - our stability and security...
- Frequently, depression creeps in...
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- We all need something to grab onto when life gets too strong!
- I need something to grab onto
- That's where the season of Lent comes in...

- Preparation is something we do before a disaster or catastrophe...
- So that when disaster hits - we know what to do...
- Because our ability to think will not be working right...
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- Think of Lent as a time of preparation - of reflection
- It's a time when we are reminded to admit - to ourselves...
- That we are not in full control of our lives...

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- The Bible in Psalm 121 tells us how someone else experienced a time of catastrophe:
- *I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?*
- *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*
- *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*

- *He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*
- *The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.*
- *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*
- *The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*
- *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

- Matthew records these words from Jesus in 7:7-8:
- *“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

- But these words in Philippians give me personally the most comfort, Ch 4:4-9:
- *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*
- *> the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- *Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*
- *Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

- These words were written by the Apostle Paul to describe his experience with God in times of need and struggle...
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- In my own life I have also found comfort and strength from the presence of God in my heart...
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- For me, the most important gift from God is having peace in my heart - even in times of turmoil and upsets...

- The peace I get from reaching out to someone greater than myself...
- The peace I get being in relationship with Jesus and trusting Him!
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- That's why Lent is important to me...
- That's why I want to share the importance of Lent with others...
- It's not a magic pill... or silver bullet...
- It's a new way of living!
- Amen!

New Year's Challenge!

Week 8

**Spend 5 minutes in prayer
each day:**

Recognizing our frailties...

our need for someone greater in our lives...

**Someone who is eager to love
and care for us...**

**Someone we can reach to for help...
and will reach back to us...**

And grow in our relationship with God!



Post a Reminder!



Closing Question



***How does Lent help me?
(Or - do you like standing alone?)***

- Got doubts... Need some help?
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- I've shared some thoughts...
- What do you think?
- I'd like to hear your thoughts...
chat - text - email...
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- Want to talk about your questions... doubts?
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- We can explore together how Jesus helps us!
- Chat - text -email...
- Kalamo Connection Card...

- Together we can work towards the one who loves and cares for us more than we can possibly understand!
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- I pray that the awesome love and care of God the Father, Jesus our Lord and Savior, and the power of the Holy Spirit give you peace in 2021!
- And help you grow in strength and confidence!
- Amen!

- Friends, Feel the awesome Power and Presence of the **Holy Spirit** this morning as we are forgiven and adopted as God's Holy Children
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- God gives us that everlasting "Boost" that we sometimes need to get back on track!
- To grow in strength and confidence!
- Open your heart and feel the warmth and blessings of His love!
- Amen...
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Not sure how to proceed?

Want some help going forward?

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Let us Pray for you!



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Amen! Let it be so!

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into
temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power,
and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)



Announcements

- Let us pray for you - with you...
- Chat - text - email
- Check in on FB!
- Check us out - be a blessing to others!
- There will be a longer set of announcements in the loop at the end of the service...
- Highlights:
 - Tues/Weds: Food Pantry - contact Sandy
- Next Sunday - online service

Check in on



@kalamo1953

*Tell your friends you are
here at Kalamo Church!*

**Please share
your Feedback!**

Offerings!



- **By Mail:**
1475 S. Ionia Rd, Vermontville, 49096
- **Online bill pay with your bank**
- **Paypal button on our website**

Thank You!

Thank You!

Thank You!

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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Blessing and Commission

- **How does Lent help us?**
- **The season of Lent helps us build the foundation of our relationship with Jesus...**
- **To be better, stronger people!**
- **Take the New Years Challenge and pray for 5 minutes every day for God to open your heart and grow in relationship with Him!**
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- **Want to learn more?**
- **Interested in joining Kalamo Church?**
- **Fill out the Kalamo Connection card at:**
>> kalamochurch.org/connect-with-kalamo
- **And we will get in touch with you!**
- **<>**
- **Thank you for spending your morning with us today...**
- **Check us out next week as we explore how Lent empowers our Core Values and helps us to be better stronger people!**
- **Be safe - Stay healthy!**
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- **May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you.**
- **May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, which passes all human understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, so that you may be a beacon of love and hope for others!**
- **<>**
- **Amen!**
- **Thanks for being with us today...**
- **Have a blessed day – week!**



**Thank You Jesus!!
Amen!**