

JOURNEY TO LIFE



Lent...IS A TIME

*...To repent to draw
closer to God*

*...To renew our faith
for service*

*...To consider the
gift God gave to the
world, Jesus Christ*



*Come with me on a journey...to
prepare for a closer walk with God.*





SCHOOL VIOLENCE



***Tornado
Devastation***

An aerial photograph capturing the aftermath of a tornado in a residential neighborhood. The scene is one of total devastation, with a large area of houses and structures completely destroyed, leaving a chaotic landscape of twisted metal, splintered wood, and debris. The remaining buildings are severely damaged, with roofs missing and walls crumbling. A multi-story apartment building stands partially intact on the right side of the frame. The surrounding streets are littered with wreckage, and many trees are stripped of leaves or snapped. The overall atmosphere is one of profound loss and destruction.

*Tornado
Devastation*



One of nation's worst aviation disaster

**Flight
#255**



Sole Survivor



***Cecelia Cichan
Was 4 yrs old***

Earthquake – *half of
Armenian was wiped out*



WHY? WHY? WHY?

- What have these people done to deserve this? Were they worse sinners than us?
- How can our all-knowing, all-caring, all-loving God allow such things to happen?
- When bad things happen to us, is God punishing us?



Some told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I TELL YOU, NO!

Jesus said: *“Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?”*⁵

YOU, NO!”

I TELL



**Suffering and calamity are a
result of sin and sinning.**

IS THIS SO?

Jesus says NO!



*There is NO correlation between
sin – suffering;
goodness – prosperity.*



*Photo: One of several poorhouses (or work houses) that were located next to the Kingsley house.
Located on Pine House Rd., Clayton, Alabama.*

What do we believe?



Why me
Lord? What
have I done
to deserve
this?

Jesus proves there is no link!

*The one
without sin
suffered and
died on the
cross.*



*They are worse sinners than we are...
and that is why they suffer
or they are poor (Not so)*



We are all sinners before God!

*I tell you,
NO! BUT
unless
you
repent
you will
likewise
perish.*



repent or perish

*Jesus moves
from present
to eternal
People will
suffer and
die but don't
let yourself
die forever!*



The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree by James Tissot.

6 *Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard...”*



The parable of the Fig Tree by Harold Copping

When suffering strikes...

-It is a time for drawing closer to God and attend to our eternal life & present life.

-We must depend on God to see us through and use us in the process.



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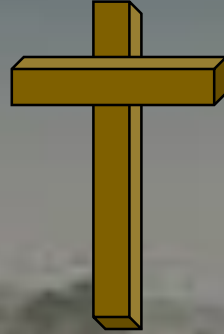
- Let us repent and talk to God...Because it is on this conversation that our salvation hangs.

- Use it to make our lives secure in God forever.



JOURNEY TO LIFE...

This LENT



***Tis the season
for repentance
and new life.***