

THE CROSSING CHURCH

Church Family,

Over the next six weeks, we are going to walk carefully toward Resurrection Sunday. We are not going to rush there or coast our way through the calendar. Lent, in my understanding, is a season of preparation. It is a reverence-required season. It is a time for us to examine our hearts, to lay down excuses, and to make room for the Lord to do something fresh in us.

We are going to be in Exodus chapters 3 and 4, standing with Moses at the burning bush. When God called him forward, Moses did not respond with instant confidence. He asked questions. Honest questions. Hard questions. Questions that revealed fear, insecurity, doubt, and resistance. If we are truthful, they are the same questions that surface in us when God begins to move us forward.

Each Sunday will center on one of those questions. We will slow down and let the Scripture speak. We will not try to manufacture emotion. We will allow space for reflection, conviction, and response. Each week, you will leave with something intentional to practice so that this becomes more than something you hear. My prayer is that it becomes something you walk.

I want to encourage you to guard your Sundays during this season. Come prayed up. Prepare your heart before you arrive. As you enter the sanctuary, step in with awareness that we are gathering before a holy God. This is not about stiffness or silence, but about reverence. When a church family carries that awareness together, it changes the atmosphere in ways that cannot be scripted.

Many visitors will walk into our sanctuary over these weeks. Without us announcing anything unusual, they will feel what we carry. If we come distracted, they will feel distraction. If we come expectant, they will feel expectation. If we come reverent, they will sense the weight and beauty of God's presence. Let us be warm, welcoming, and attentive, but also mindful that we are preparing our hearts for Resurrection.

I want to speak directly to those who carry responsibilities on Sunday mornings. Many of you serve faithfully in the parking lot, in children's ministry, on security, in the sound booth, with cameras and slides, at the doors greeting, or leading in worship. You help make every service possible, and I am deeply grateful for your faithfulness.

During these six weeks, I am asking you to make sure that you attend and fully participate in at least one of our three services. Not simply rotating through responsibilities, not listening while working, but intentionally coming into the sanctuary to worship. Sit under the Word. Sing. Pray. Respond. Allow the Lord to speak to you personally.

You cannot continually pour out without positioning yourself to receive. If we are calling the church to preparation, those who serve must walk in that preparation as well. Leadership sets tone. When those who serve are spiritually attentive, the entire body feels it.

This season is not about earning anything from God. It is about preparing ourselves to receive what He has already provided. As we move through these questions in Exodus, I believe the Lord will surface areas of hesitation, fear, weakness, and delay in each of us. Do not push past that work. Lean into it. Let Him shape you.

By the time Resurrection Sunday arrives, my prayer is that we are not simply celebrating an event, but stepping into newness of life together. Let us walk carefully. Let us walk intentionally. Let us walk ready.

With love and expectation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kermit McPeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "M".

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