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This article is the Daily Meditation published by the Center for Action and Contemplation on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

### Death Into Life

Richard Rhor, a Franciscan priest, shares how we can receive the miracle of new life by embracing our own difficulties and “deaths” as Jesus did.

Death is not only physical dying. Death also means going to the full depths of things, hitting the bottom, going beyond where we’re in control. In that sense, we all go through many deaths in our lives, tipping points when we have to ask, “What am I going to do?” Many people turn bitter, look for someone to blame, and close down. Their “death” is indeed death for them because there is no room for growth after that. But when we go into the full depths and death of anything—even, ironically, the depths of our own sin—we can come out the other side transformed, more alive, more open, more forgiving of ourselves and others. And when we come out the other side, we know that we’ve been led there. We’re not holding on; we’re being held by a larger force, by a larger source that is not our own. That’s what it means to be saved! It means that we’ve walked through the mystery of transformation.

The miracle of it all—if we are to speak of miracles—is that God has found the most ingenious way to transform the human soul. God uses the very thing that would normally destroy us—the tragic, the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust deaths that lead us all to the bottom of our lives—to transform us. There it is, in one sentence. Are we prepared to trust that?

Jesus' death and resurrection is a statement of how reality works all the time and everywhere. He teaches us that there's a different way to live with our pain, our sadness, and our suffering. We can say, "Woe is me," and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can say, "God is even in this."

None of us crosses over this gap from death to new life by our own effort, our own merit, our own purity, or our own perfection. Each of us—from pope to president, from princess to peasant—is carried across by unearned grace. Worthiness is never the ticket, only deep desire. With that desire the tomb is always, finally empty, as Mary Magdalene discovered on Easter morning. Death cannot win. We're finally indestructible when we recognize that the thing which could destroy us is the very thing that could enlighten us.

Friends, the Easter feast is a reminder to all of us to open our eyes and our ears and to witness what is happening all around us, all the time, everywhere. God's one and only job description is to turn death into life. That's what God does with every new springtime,

every new life, every new season, every new anything. God is the one who always turns death into life, and no one who trusts in this God will ever be put to shame (Psalm 25:3).

Adapted from Richard Rohr, "Easter Homily: Reality Moves Toward Resurrection," homily, March 27, 2016.

We ask you to keep the following siblings in Christ in your prayers:

**Niki Grigsby**  
**Patty Gurka**  
**John Kurtz**  
**Phil Pesko**

**Jack Schwab**  
**Annie Slaughter**  
**Mardell Weiss**  
**Clara Wilcox**



If you wish to send any cards, please send them, or drop them off, to the church office, and we will be sure to deliver them.



13<sup>th</sup> Evan Schwab  
28<sup>th</sup> Richard Schmidt

### *The Monday Discussion Group*

We continue discussing  
TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLED TIMES,  
the book of Isaiah.

Here Is My Servant  
You Are Precious  
Turning to God  
Strong Foundations for Service

You're welcome to join us any Monday  
at 1PM in the fellowship room.



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4 WORSHIP <u>@11 AM</u>	5 Bible Study @ 1pm	6  AA @ 7pm	7	8  AA @ 8 pm	9	10
11 WORSHIP <u>@11 AM</u>  MOTHER'S DAY	12 Bible Study @ 1pm	13  AA @ 7pm	14	15  AA @ 8 pm	16	17
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