

**Luka 4:1-13**

*Nidhamu ya Kikristo ya kupambana na majaribu sio juu ya chuki, au kukataa sehemu za ubinadamu wetu uliopewa na Mungu. Ni juu ya kuadhimisha zawadi ya Mungu ya ubinadamu kamili na, kama mtu anayejifunza chombo cha muziki, kugundua jinsi ya kuipiga na kuifanya kwa uwezekano wake mkubwa. Katika moyo wa upinzani wetu katika majaribu ni upendo na uaminifu kwa Mungu ambaye tayari ametuita watoto Wake wapenzi katika Kristo, na nani anatuweka mbele yetu wito wa kumfuata katika njia inayoongoza kwa utukufu wa kweli. Katika utukufu huo ni furaha ya kweli, utimilifu wa kweli, ambao si ulimwengu, sio mwili, wala shetani anaweza kuanza kuiga (N.T. Wright, 2004).*

*Uaminifu ni kujitolea katika upasuaji. Ni kukubalika kwa ufanisi na utendaji wa wajibu wa kawaida na kazi ya haraka bila kutaja mapendekezo ya kibinafsi-kwa sababu ni lazima ifanyike na hivyo ni udhirisho wa mapenzi ya Mungu. Matunda ya Roho kupata chini ya chini kama tunavyoendelea. Uaminifu inamaanisha kuendelea kwa utulivu na kazi tuliopewa, katika hali ambayo tumewekwa; si kujitoa kwa hamu ya kutokuwa na mabadiliko ya mabadiliko. Inamaanisha kumtegemea taa kwa kimya kwa Mungu bila kujiuliza ni muda gani unaendelea kuendelea (Evelyn Underhill, 1942).*

***Machi Kumfuata Kristo:***

Je, utamaliza kumbuka nani? Tutawezaje kutembea kupitia jangwani katika jamii?

Jangwa linaweza kuwa mahali pa ukuaji, marejesho, na utoaji usiyotarajiwa. Tunapotembea katika jangwa hili la Lenten, hebu tuendane pamoja, tunatarajia Mungu atoe, na kuimarisha nafsi zetu.

Mungu anakupajeje jangwani?

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**Wiki ijayo:** *Luka 13:31-35, Jumapili ya pili ya Lent*

**Luke 4:1-13**

*The Christian discipline of fighting temptation is not about self-hatred, or rejecting parts of our God-given humanity. It is about celebrating God's gift of full humanity and, like someone learning a musical instrument, discovering how to tune it and play it to its best possibility. At the heart of our resistance to temptation is love and loyalty to the God Who has already called us His beloved children in Christ, and Who holds out before us the calling to follow Him in the path which leads to the true glory. In that glory lies the true happiness, the true fulfillment, which neither world, not flesh, nor devil can begin to imitate (N.T. Wright, 2004).*

*Faithfulness is consecration in overalls. It is the steady acceptance and performance of the common duty and immediate task without any reference to personal preferences—because it is there to be done and so is a manifestation of the Will of God. The fruits of the Spirit get less and less showy as we go on. Faithfulness means continuing quietly with the job we have been given, in the situation where we have been placed; not yielding to the restless desire for change. It means tending the lamp quietly for God without wondering how much longer it has got to go on (Evelyn Underhill, 1942).*

***March Discipleship:***

To whom will you end a note of encouragement? How will we walk through wilderness in community?

Wilderness can be a place of growth, restoration, and unexpected provision. As we walk into this Lenten wilderness, let's journey together, expecting God to provide, and nourish our very souls.

How is God providing for you in the wilderness?

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**Next week:** *Luka 13:31-35, Second Sunday of Lent*

**Machi 10, 2019**

Wiki ya kwanza ya Lent

**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Zaburi 91:1-2, 9-16*

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**Jumatatu:** *Luka 22:24-30*

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**Jumanne:** *Isaya 41: 8-10*

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**Jumatano:** *Luka 16:10-13*

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**Alhamisi:** *Mathayo 12:15-21*

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**Ijumaa:** *1 Wakorintho 4:1-5*

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**Jumamosi:** *Yohana 15:12-16*

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Kuchukua, Bwana, na kupokea kutoka kwangu-uhuru wangu wote, kumbukumbu yangu, ufahamu wangu, na mapenzi yangu yote-yote ambayo nina nayo na kuwaita mwenyewe. Umenipa yote. Bwana, mimi nakuirudia yote kwako. Kila kitu ni chako; kufanya na ni nini unataka. Nipe tu upendo wako na neema yako. Hii ni ya kutosha kwangu. Amina.

*Kutoka mazoezi ya Kiroho ya St. Ignatius*

**March 10, 2019**

Lent Week One

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*

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**Monday:** *Luke 22:24-30*

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**Tuesday:** *Isaiah 41:8-10*

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**Wednesday:** *Luke 16:10-13*

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**Thursday:** *Matthew 12:15-21*

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**Friday:** *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

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**Saturday:** *John 15:12-16*

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Take, Lord, and receive from me—all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will—all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. Lord, I return it all to You. Everything is Yours; do with it what You will. Give me only Your love and Your grace.

This is enough for me. Amen.

*From the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*