

Lent Day 14: Morning Glory

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Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

C.S. Lewis once wrote in *Mere Christianity*, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” It’s a simple line, but it has a way of lingering in the heart. Take a moment and think about your own thoughts. How much of your day revolves around you—your finances, what you’ll wear, what you’ll eat, where you’re going, what you’re feeling, what you’re worried about? These things are part of life, yes, but they can quietly take center stage in our minds.

As followers of Christ, though, we’re invited into something deeper—something higher. When the morning comes and the day begins, it’s worth asking: what filled the mind of Jesus when He woke each day? He knew what lay ahead. He knew the suffering and the cross that awaited Him. And yet, He rose each morning with purpose, walking faithfully into the Father’s will.

We all know what it’s like to wake up with motivation. Sometimes it’s excitement—a new opportunity, a responsibility we care about, something we’ve been looking forward to. Other mornings are heavier. We rise with anxiety about a job evaluation, fear over a medical appointment, or the quiet ache of missing someone we love. Whether in joy or sorrow, something always pulls us out of bed.

So what is it that truly anchors us? What keeps our hearts turning at night and gives us reason to rise in the morning? If we’re honest, material things and self-focus can only carry us so far. When they become our main pursuit, they eventually leave us feeling restless and empty.

God calls us beyond ourselves. We were created—body and soul—for His glory. Scripture reminds us in 1 John 4:16, “*God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God.*” Our purpose was never meant to stop at comfort or personal satisfaction.

We are meant for the glory of God.

So here’s a question to carry into today: when you wake up, do you desire to be the light and salt of the world? Living this way doesn’t require grand gestures. It begins with small, intentional acts of love. A prayer for someone who’s struggling. A phone call or a quiet cup of coffee shared with someone who feels alone. Helping a stranger with their groceries. Offering your presence to someone who needs compassion more than answers.

True renewal starts when we wake each day and gently redirect our focus—not inward, but outward. Not toward ourselves, but toward the love we are called to live out.

May we answer that call daily, walking in humility and reflecting the love that binds us to Christ.