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Daily Reflections



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REMAINING FAITHFUL

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Today's Gospel Acclamation

*Remain faithful until death,
And I will give you the crown of life.*

REVELATION 2:10c

Reflection

The quote from Revelation above brings to mind a transformative moment in my life. I recall saying to a spiritual director, *“I have given up trying to be perfect or even getting things right. Rather, I pray to be faithful to the abiding presence of God and the invitation of the Holy Spirit. God will take care of the rest.”* Letting God be God with and within me has been a liberating experience.

In the long length of days of my life, I have realized that all is gift of God's great love. I have grown to rely on the abiding of the Holy Spirit to guide me through

discernment of which “spirit” is at work in each situation, especially emotionally charged relationships and events. So, what is it to “remain faithful until death?”

To remain faithful is to notice and rely on God’s abiding presence.

To remain faithful is to reflect and pray daily. I need only show up and open myself to God and God will do the rest, whether or not I have any tangible sense of God.

To remain faithful is to trust that God is always with me as I love God as God ... not for the gifts given.

To remain faithful is to engage life, relationships, and daily reality...“that which God and the dear neighbor have in store for me each day.”

To remain faithful is to live in gratitude for all that has been given and received.

To remain faithful is to celebrate in gratitude all that comes from God and to ponder and receive the graces offered so I might continue to deepen, grow, and be transformed into the person God intends me to be.

To remain faithful is to give myself away in loving service in both the ordinary and extraordinary happenings of life.

To remain faithful is to see God in the other, collaborate with the people and circumstances that are given to me.

To remain faithful is to be taken by God, blessed, broken, and shared freely so together we are God’s Great Love in the world.

To remain faithful is not about me or the crown of life promised. It is about living in ever deepening relationship and belonging to God every day of my life.



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For Pondering

- What does it mean to “remain faithful until death?”

For Prayer

Write your litany of faithful praise. Then, read it aloud with feeling.

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