



Lent: Rejection and Repentance

Our March theme for the *Today* devotions, written by my former pastor, Rev. Fred Bultman, is called “**Lent: Rejection and Repentance.**”

Do you have a GPS in your car or on your phone? If you do, you’ve likely heard the voice tell you that it is “**RECALCULATING**” when you’ve made a wrong turn or decided not to travel the way the GPS had determined you should go.

That’s sort of what Lent is all about. Lent also gives us an opportunity to pause and consider our path, to repent and RECALCULATE as we look at our walk of faith. To repent means to stop what we’re doing and turn in a new direction. It means to express sorrow for the way we’ve been going and ask for assistance as we travel a different path. It means to stop following the ways of the world and follow the ways of Christ Jesus, our true and faithful GPS who never takes us down the wrong road.

Lent also gives us a time to think soberly about the suffering and rejection that Jesus endured while he lived here among us. Why did he suffer? So that we might be redeemed—brought back to him.

Beginning on March 1 this year, the season of Lent takes us all the way from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday on April 14. And then we celebrate Easter on April 16.

Rev. Fred Bultman will **help us focus on our need for a Savior** as we explore **repentance and rejection, two meaningful and timely topics in this Lenten season**. He will show us how Jesus suffered and was rejected so that we might be accepted, and he will help us examine our own lives, confess our sins, and draw closer to God.

May you be refreshed, refocused, and renewed in God's Word!

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