

Today's Devotional is provided by Azar Jackson, Jr.

A Lenten Journey

My 90 year-old Motherdear will be transitioning soon. My sister calls me and says Motherdear wants to talk to you.

“Junior! When you coming down to see me!”, says Motherdear. I laugh and cry at the same time for she always starts our conversation that way. I tell her, soon, very soon. I love you.

I remember, “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.” Psalm 96:8. I am called to be an offering to her.

The season of Lent is challenging. Why is that?

Is it because we are called to sacrifice something? Or, is it because we are called to do something good? Why can we not just love our God without the sacrifices or changes in our behavior to do what is good even though by default, it is our shortcoming?



I also remember, “My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.” Psalm 84:2 I need to be with God in Motherdear's room.

To me, the challenge is not in what we give up or in the act of doing something rewarding, it is the duration and frequency, every day for 40 days. If I am to be honest, I have failed at this every year.

However, I do find that having someone to be accountable to and sharing that same sacrifice or good deed can help us go the long distance.

So, I have gone to be with Motherdear, knowing that God is my companion and guide on the journey, and that God is her companion and guide on her journey, too.

To help us to have a good Lent, to remind us that we are in the holy wilderness with Jesus and he is always with us in ours, I am sharing this song called "[Take Me In \(To the Holy of Holies\)](#)" by Kutless.