



Prayer Journal DAY 9

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:15-16

Self-sacrifice – what a powerful theme. What is it? It is the sacrifice of one's personal interests or wellbeing for the sake of others or for a cause. Sacrificing your life for someone else is probably the most noble thing anyone can do.

Francis of Assisi once wrote this: "Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self." And that's the key, isn't it? Overcoming yourself to let another live. In the Bible we have this inspiring verse from Jesus: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." –John 15:12-14

There is no greater love than to sacrifice yourself for another. Thank God that Jesus freely gave up his life for us. He died on the cross as our substitute – he took our sins upon his shoulders, dealing with the sin problem once and for all. That is true sacrifice.

PRAYER

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

–Hebrews 13:20-21

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