

Week #10: ONE WAY

1. GOAL: To determine if I have made the decision to make the You-Turn and to live my life for another.

2. LOVE IS THE ONLY ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO LOVE

- a. I've been Rerouted!
- b. Choose to conform every area of my life.
- c. Galatians 2:20b
- d. Living by faith means trusting God which entails a radical conversion.
- e. Conversion begins where?

3. LOVE MAKES ME STOP LIVING FOR MYSELF

- a. To no longer live for myself: 2 Corinthians 5:15
- b. Denying myself: Mark 8:34
- c. To put to death every form of selfishness: Galatians 5:24
- d. Stop pursuing worldly goals: Philippians 3:7-8
- e. Through Jesus' blood, all belongs to Him, including my body, soul, money, my relationships...my entire life belongs to Jesus.
- f. Certain uses of my time are non-negotiable:
 - i. Keeping the Lord's Day holy
 - ii. Daily prayer
 - iii. Daily reading of God's Word
 - iv. Time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
 - v. Regular Confession
- g. My calendar should show that I'm not living for myself.
- h. Tithing is just as relevant today as it was in biblical times.
 - i. 10% of gross income needs to be given directly to the Lord.

ii. Tithe can be split between the needs of the Church and the poor.

iii. My spending needs to be discerned in the light of the Kingdom of God: Matthew 6:33

4. LOVE MAKES ME LIVE FOR ANOTHER

- a. Galatians 2:20a
- b. What does it really mean to "follow" Christ?
 - i. The more I live this way, the more I will want to go beyond the minimum for others.
- c. Being a disciple means to serve: Mark 10:45
 - i. How am I being called to serve?
- d. Not only do I "serve" but I also "receive" by:
 - i. Being a fruitful member of the Body of Christ (Church)
 - ii. Obtaining nourishment from the sacraments and from the Church community
 - iii. Being in committed relationships with other believers

5. LOVE MAKES ME—AND THE CHURCH—KEEP GROWING

- a. I will become a *mathetes* (learner).
 - i. Probably not satisfied with what I learned about Christ as a child
 - ii. Takes commitment but is easy due to the digital age we live in and the abundance of information readily available
- b. Learn to give the faith away
- c. Disciples make disciples

QUOTES:

"The 'good news' is directed to stirring a person to a conversion of heart and life and a clinging to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; to disposing a person to receive Baptism and the Eucharist and to strengthen a person in the prospect and realization of new life according to the Spirit." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Christifideles laici* 33)

"The proclamation of the Word of God has *Christian conversion* as its aim: a complete and sincere adherence to Christ and his Gospel through faith (...). Conversion means accepting, by a personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ and becoming his disciple." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris missio* 46)



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Notes



My Response to Living My Life for Jesus

I, _____, a repentant sinner, decide today, _____, to surrender the ownership of my life to the good Father. I renew the vows of my baptism to renounce Satan and to follow Jesus Christ more deliberately than I ever have before. Jesus, I give You my heart that You may forever set it on fire for love of You and for others. Keep my heart pure with Your perfect love so that I may entrust myself totally to You. Jesus, please use me that I might bring "one more" to You.

God the Father
Witness

Signature

QUESTIONS for reflection/discussion:

1. Are you experiencing doubts about surrendering your life to Jesus?
2. Are you experiencing various forms of external opposition to making this decision (= spiritual warfare)?
3. What are those things you are struggling the most to detach from?
4. Do you own it/them or does it/they own you?

For next week: Spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament discerning how to respond to God's call and what Jesus has done for you.