

MAY 30

“IF YOU DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, ANY ROAD WILL GET YOU THERE.”

READ

Romans 8:8-13, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

This day — with every circumstance, all of its blessings, and all of its problems — was here before you got here. God put you in it. God wants you to deal with it, but to deal with it by His Spirit. Guided by Him, you won’t just exist. You will live an abundant life. You will find things out about God you’ve never known before. You’ll discover things about yourself. There is a life in the Spirit that will only be realized when the deeds of the flesh are put to death. We haven’t even begun to plumb the depths of joy and power available to us because we do not realize the importance of being tough on ourselves, getting rid of things that hold us down and the people that hold us back. You’ve got to make tough decisions as a soldier of the cross, about things we do, buy, see, and the people we run with. You’ve got to be tough. You must have a decisive mind. You’ve got to rein in your body. You’ve got to be in control of yourself. If you don’t control yourself, your self will control you.

PRAY

Jesus, this is a daily thing: denying myself, taking up my cross and following You. I do it again today. I will clothe myself in You, and avoid my fleshly desires.

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