



## **Day forty**

You have done it! For the past 40 days you have walked the walk of examining the things that have been sucking the life out of you . . . out of us.

I am quite grateful for the positive comments that I have received these past 40 days.

But now of course it isn't over.

There is still a great challenge is to continue to examine these through confronting God's word, his Spirit and his community of faith seeking to be filled with his life and his love again.

But this is a beginning.

On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary to take the next step in all of this as we look at the ultimate expression of Jesus' love for you, for me, for all of us.

However, in the meantime today the thing I am asking us to explore giving up is:

**your life.**

### **Confronting the text**

*Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it, (Matt. 10:39).*

### **Confronting myself with God**

"Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money, and so much of your work. I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have

the whole tree down . . . Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours," (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, pg. 169).

### **Listening to God's people**

Are you willing to die to yourself for Christ?

What are the things in this past forty days that have been the hardest?

Do those difficulties help you see what is holding you back?