

# MARCH 2016

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

My dear friends,

How's your Lenten journey going? Have you "forgotten" a Lenten promise, or failed to strictly adhere to your intent to fast, pray, read or do other things? I'll admit, my Lenten promise to give up chocolate and sweets hasn't been perfectly kept. I was having a pretty bad day and there was a beautiful piece of my favorite dark chocolate...and I ate it. And yep, it tasted good. The next day the sun came up and the promise was new again. "OK", I said, "I failed yesterday, but I'm going to try again." I did, and I'm proud to say, I've kept to it.

Life isn't an all-or-nothing, perfect-or-forget-it proposition. We strive, we make progress, we slip back, we fall short. This is where the crucial decision point is—do I throw up my hands and say "I can't" or do I start over, try again, and renew my commitment? It's a real fork in the road, and often a very difficult one to take. It's easy to give up. It's even fairly easy to keep going when we have untainted success. What's tough is to face our weakness and keep going, to admit our failings and strive for better. That is the Christian journey. That is the journey of Lent. We're about half way through, and we have many opportunities to try and try again. Don't give up, don't lose faith! Don't feel that because you aren't perfect that it is not worth trying. God knows we aren't perfect and yet God loves us perfectly. Keep striving, and keep looking for God's love to light your path.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Mother Bonnie+

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6:8*