



Devotional for Day 11, Saturday, October 3
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Intention:

Pray that when those representing Planned Parenthood and other abortion groups see volunteers for 40 Days for Life, they see ambassadors of Christ, and may each volunteer be consciously aware at all times of Whom we represent.

Scripture:

I...beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness, and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.

— *Ephesians 4:1b-2*

Reflection:

When Carol Everett, a former abortionist and post-abortive woman, was asked what turned her heart from death to life in Christ, she said, "It was unconditional love," shown by a man who prayed daily for her in front of the abortion clinic where she worked.

He told Carol that "God had sent him" because there was someone in there that God wanted out. She left 27 days later and now serves as Christ's ambassador to help others. We too have been sent by Christ as an ambassador to love unconditionally those God seeks to "get out" of their bondage and sin. What a high calling it is -- much higher than any presidential appointment to another country.

In his book, *Fishers of Men*, Dr. Sumner Wemp describes what it means to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings:

- God has chosen us (John 15:16)
- We are sent into a world that is not our home (1 Peter 2:11)
- Our walk must match our talk (1 Timothy 3:7)
- We must abide in Him for daily instruction (John 15:5)
- Know our purpose -- to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10)
- We are to reconcile others to God with His authority (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Do not let kindness and truth leave you (Proverbs 3:3-4)
- Our service is to be grounded and rooted in love (Ephesians 3:17)

Pray that we each will walk worthy of the calling with which we were called!

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we are humbled that you have called us and appointed us to be ambassadors of Christ in a world that is not our home.

We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower us to walk worthy of the calling. We pray that Your unconditional love will flow through us to those who desperately need Your saving grace. In the name of Christ who is worthy, amen.