

Daily Devotion For April 16, 2021

“If you love Me, you will keep My commands. – John 14:15

Yesterday, we had our quarterly Session and Deacon Retreat. We have been doing this since I came to El Estero in 2015. One of the things that we did Pre-Covid was that I would find out what everyone’s favorite donuts were and buy a couple of dozen for our meeting.

Yesterday, before our zoom meeting, I went to Red’s Donuts on Alvarado street and picked up several of my favorites. I love Old Fashioned glazed and Maple Bars with custard. I always enjoy looking at the display of delicious looking fresh donuts behind a nice glass case. Each donut in the case looks really yummy and many times it’s hard to choose which one I want because they all look so good.

There have been times when I’ve been to the grocery store and see a box full of discounted donuts next to a box of nice fresh hot donuts. These donuts might be ones that were damaged, or were baked the previous day. The thing about these donuts is that they just aren’t as good as the ones that are fresh. The fresh ones are always the best.

This is a lot like our relationship with God. In our relationship with God, it’s important that we keep things fresh. Just like donuts are better when they’re fresh, our relationship with God is better when its fresh. Keeping your relationship with God fresh isn’t always easy. In fact, it takes a lot of work. It takes making time with God a priority for our lives. Many times, we don’t take God’s Word seriously. We want to pick and choose the things that make us feel good and throw out anything we disagree with, or things that makes us uncomfortable. Take a look at what Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love Me, you will keep My commands. Jesus didn’t say if you feel comfortable with what you see in the Bible keep my commands. Or, if my command makes you happy keep it. No. Jesus said if we love him, we will keep His commands.

Thought For Today: Part of loving Jesus, is keeping His commands. All of them. The next time you’re eating a donut, take a moment to examine your relationship with Jesus. Has it become stale? If it has, just decide today to make the switch and make your relationship with Jesus the number one priority in your life.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would renew and refresh your relationship with him. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.