



Frederick Douglass

Day 1: 1 John 4:20, James 3:17, Colossians 3:11

Frederick Douglass loved the “pure, peaceable, and impartial Christianity of Christ” and challenged churchgoers to live without hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is not failing to live up to Christ’s moral standard, but rather saying one thing while doing something different. What ways do Christians today acknowledge Christ with their words yet deny him with their lifestyle?

Day 2: Ephesians 2:11-12, 1 Peter 3:15-16

Everyone has a story worth telling. When we don’t share our stories, we lose our stories (Rev. Roz Picardo). Our story reflects God’s story. For the next few days, we will use three statements to develop our personal story in a quick, summary form. Today focus on what your life was like before Christ. Complete the following sentence: **Before knowing Christ, I used to be...**

Day 3: Matthew 9:22, 1 Thessalonians 1:9

Reflect on the sentence above regarding who you were before Christ. Consider how Jesus changed your life by completing the following sentences:

Before knowing Christ, I used to be...

My turning point was...

Day 4: Ephesians 2:11-13

Take a few moments prayerfully considering who you are today because of Christ. How is life different? Rewrite the first two parts of your story and define who you are today by completing the following sentences:

Before knowing Christ, I used to be...

My turning point was...

Now I am...

Day 5: Romans 5:8

Developing a written faith story puts words to God’s magnificent work in your life. It prepares you to share the “reason for the hope that is in you.” Developing it in advance give the Holy Spirit time to refine your words and allow you to share it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). Review and refine your faith story.

Reflecting on who we are because of Christ brings us face to face surrender. Are there areas of your life that you hold back from God? Take inventory of your resources, schedule, and relationships. Pray that God would reveal areas that you need to yield to his purpose, plan and power.

Monthly Prayer Focus

Thank you, gracious Lord, for the abundant blessings you bestow on me each day. Use this gift to bring peace, comfort, joy, and reassurance this holiday season. I pray this in the might name of our Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- Office Hours** - 9:00-3:00 Open over noon hour
- Hospital or Home Visit** - please let the church office know if you would like a visit.
- Hearing Assistance** - devices are available ask an usher.
- Kids Coloring Pages** - are outside of the Cry Room, near the fire place.
- Lost & Found** - located at the Connection Desk.
- 5 Ways to Give** - visit [legacyumc.org/give](https://www.legacyumc.org/give) for online, text, app and more.