

January 2, 2021

Pastor Green's Daily Encouragement

Welcome to this year's first Secular Saturday. After being so busy prior to Christmas, it was strange to have a little time to relax and unwind over the past couple of days. I even found time to watch TV, which I seldom do, usually because I don't have the time, and also because there normally isn't anything I enjoy watching. That changed this week with movie marathons of the Godfather and the Rocky series. If they would have added Field of Dreams and Tombstone to the playlist I would have been extremely happy. I guess you can't have everything. During the commercials I switched back and forth between college football games. Thank You Lord for giving me a little down time. It won't stay quiet very long and even though it's only January 2, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is only a month and a half away. Then things grow steadily busier until Easter. I'm thankful that my life follows the life of Jesus. My life gets busier and more hectic at the time that we celebrate His birth, and then again as we celebrate His glorious resurrection. And how blest we are to be able to worship Him and celebrate His life, from beginning to new beginning. In Him we find the same new beginnings. In Jesus we are given a way to the Father in Heaven, and that started at His birth, and finished when He rose from a sealed and guarded tomb. Nothing could keep Him from fulfilling His promise to us that He was going to His Father to prepare a place for all who believe in Him. He was successful in all of His promises to us. So in this new year I plan to do my best to fulfill my promises to Him. Won't you join me in dedicating your new year to Him and to His children, to each other? Rest in His mercy and grace today, and share all that you have and all that you know to lead others to the same knowledge that you possess, the knowledge that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that He is the only Way to the Father in Heaven. Amen. After watching so many Rocky movies, I was reminded of all the great music in them, and my Secular Saturday song is from Rocky 4. Performed by Robert Tepper, I bring you "No Easy Way Out." God bless your Saturday.