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3 Lent

Notes:

Jesus Purpose: To get us to see the world differently.

Human life > Jesus Christ< Eternal life

Urgency of Lent ... "but unless you repent" x 2

When Bad Things Happen to Good People --- Harold Kushner

Pilate punishes Galileans ... Tower of Siloam falls & kills 18  
Have these died because they are worse sinners? Jesus does not respond

Jesus; "Unless you repent , you will all perish just as they did."

Disasters occurred suddenly with no warning ... victims had no chance to repent ... life is precarious ... repentance cannot be delayed.

God to Moses: "I will be with you"

Fig Tree: In OT used often to depict Israel

Represents life with used up soil will not produce ... illustration of life that is not feeding the proper way ... Sparing of fig tree is a reminder of the Lord's grace and mercy

God's faithfulness in life's testing is assured...

WEIGHTS!!!! What are the 'tests' that you face?

God is our patient gardener ... Lent is our annual reminder that repentance is a way of life.....

As earth turns toward the sun in Spring so we turn toward Christ the real SON and are healed and forgiven. We leave our burdens, those weights of life, with Him.

Weights = sins.. that from which we must repent. Leave them at the altar each week ... Jesus said "My yoke is easy, my burden is light." He gave the 'weights' to God His father for His handling .... Then at Easter He would strap them all on and get rid of them once and for all!

God believes in us and continues to plant the seeds in us. His provision is His table where we come to leave those things which so weigh us down. It is His steadfast love that promises us He can handle it all. His life made provision for our repentance. BUT it is an urgent matter...leave them here today!