



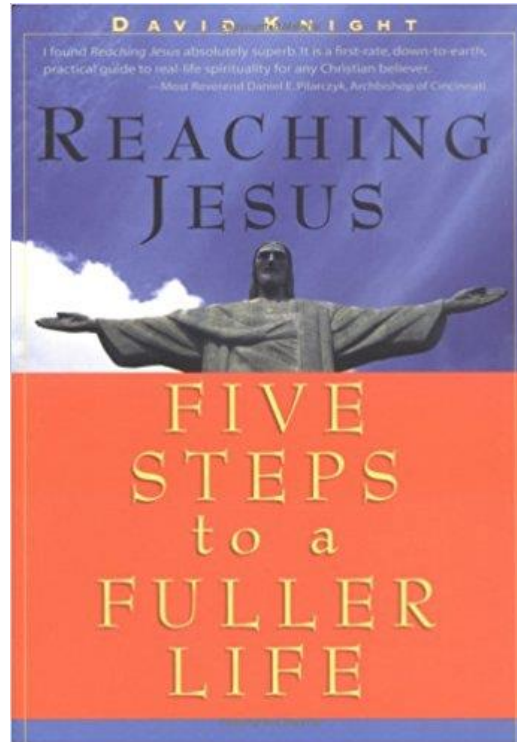
SAINT BRIGID
— PARISH —

Saint Brigid School of Prayer

Summer Series Overview

SEVEN WEEKS, Tuesday 6:30-8:30

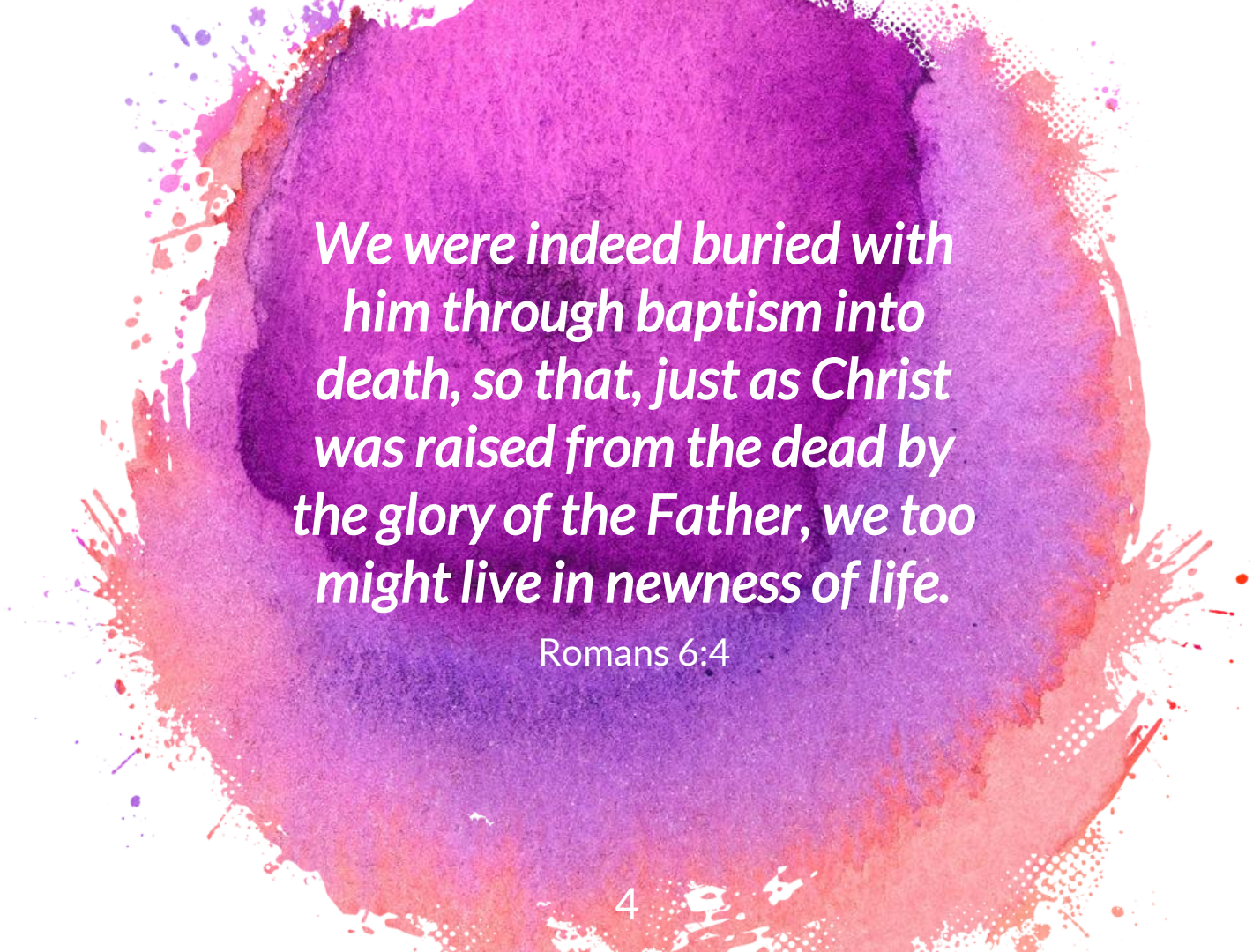
June 19	Introduction
June 26	Being Christian
July 3	Being a Disciple
July 10	Being a Prophet
July 17	Being a Priest
July 24	BEING A STEWARD
July 31	Celebration



DEAD TO SIN - ALIVE TO CHRIST

BAPTISM

A large, energetic splash of blue water dominates the lower half of the image. The water is captured in mid-motion, with numerous droplets and bubbles visible, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The splash appears to be breaking over the letters of the word 'BAPTISM', which is rendered in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. The water's color is a vibrant blue, contrasting with the lighter blue background.



*We were indeed buried with
him through baptism into
death, so that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead by
the glory of the Father, we too
might live in newness of life.*

Romans 6:4

First Step: The Choice to Be a Christian

To *die* of all hope for a full and meaningful life based on confidence in ourselves.

And *rise* to life with Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Second Step to a Fuller Life: The Choice to Be a Disciple

To *die* to reliance on the goals
and guidance of my culture.

And *rise* to life in the school of
Jesus.

The Third Step to a Fuller Life:

The Choice to Be a Prophet

To *die* to social conformity and the fear of standing alone.

And *rise* to a life that bears witness to the values of Jesus.

The Fourth Step:

The Choice to Be a Priest

To *die* to the fear of revealing
myself through self-expression.

And *rise* to a life of selfless
ministry to others in love.



Someone's at
the door.

A TRUE STORY

It's a beautiful day! It's perfect.
So calm and warm and sunny.



It's a beautiful day! It's perfect.
So calm and warm and sunny.

yes

It's a beautiful day! It's perfect.
So calm and warm and sunny.

Do you read the Bible?

yes

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Are you familiar with the Bible's
promise of hope for the future?

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My son will read it for you. (Revelation 21:3-4)

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Do you read the bible?

yes

Are you familiar with the Bible's
promise of hope for the future?

yes

My son will read it for you. (Revelation 21:3-4)

We have a promise for a beautiful future.

Yes, and ...

Yes, and ...

What about
the present



Yes, and ...

What about
the present




We're already living in the Kingdom.

Jesus's first public words ...


This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:5



**Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept
the kingdom of God like a
child will not enter it.**

Mark 10:15



**Blessed are the pure
of heart, for they
shall see God.**

Matthew 5:8

PURITY OF HEART

The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.

Matthew 6:22-23



People of faith do not look at the world seeking evidence that God exists.

People of faith look at the world and see how God is at work in our midst.

Jesus's last public words ...

All power on heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

The Fifth Step to a Fuller Life:

The Choice to Be a Steward

Dying to indifference,
hopelessness and non-involvement.

And *rising* to responsibility to
transform the world for God's
kingdom ... now.

“Make disciples of all nations ...”

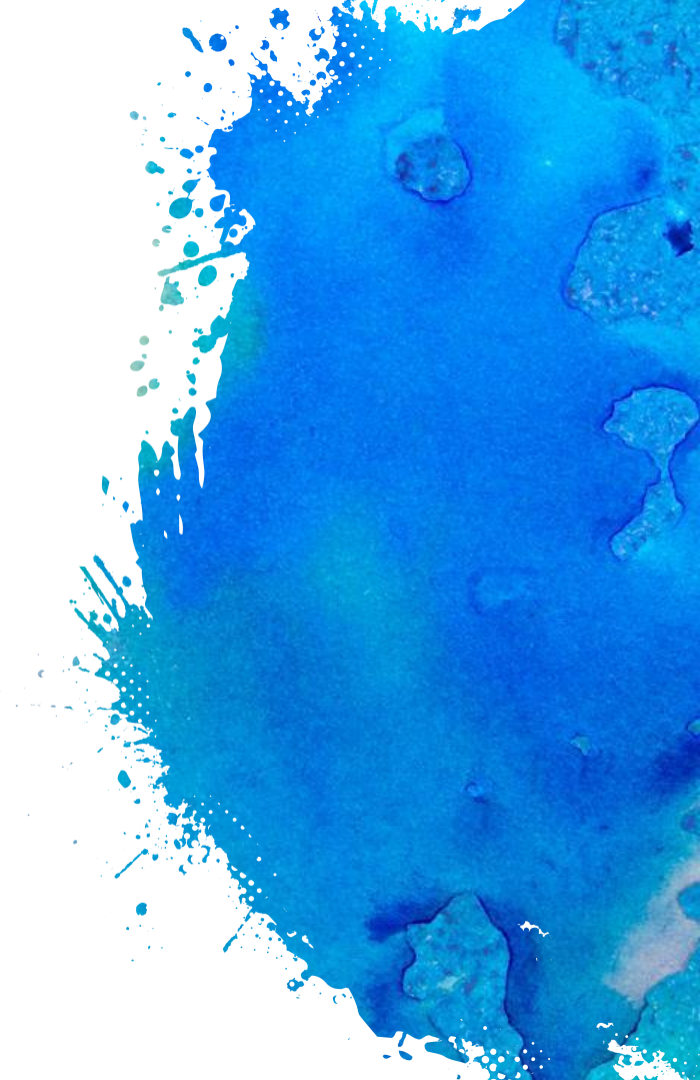
... does not mean simply teaching the catechism to people all over the world.

It means penetrating every aspect of human life and activity with the principles, values, attitudes and priorities Jesus modeled and taught.

p.79

Religion Without Religiosity

Jesus came to unify things, to unify our outlook and our goals, to bring together everything we do under one single, driving purpose in life: to establish the reign of God on earth. *p.82*



The Great Commissioning

When we were made one with Jesus at baptism we became responsible for everything he is responsible for. *p.83*



The key word:

responsibility

A steward is someone who is responsible. The steward is not just a worker; the steward is in charge. *p. 83*

solidarity

But being responsible for everything does not mean we have to do everything ourselves. *p. 84*

The opposite of

LOVE

is ...



apathy

indifference

We cop out psychologically as well as physically. We refuse to think about what is happening or how things ought to be. We withdraw into isolationism. We mind our own business. We look after ourselves. *p.85*

hopelessness

“There’s nothing I can do about it.”

“Who am I?” “I don’t have any authority to change things.” “Who’s going to listen to me?”

Frustration is hard to deal with, so we anesthetize ourselves. *p.85*

Repent and ...
believe the Good News.

The root of our problem, if it is not just selfishness, is our failure to believe in the presence and power of Christ. *p.89*

Die to despair.
Rise to perseverance.

For human beings this is
impossible, but for God all
things are possible.

Matthew 19:26



Jesus **has** overcome the world.

Christians look at the world to
see how Jesus is at work, and
we commit ourselves to getting
involved to bring about
transformation. *p.93*

What do I see ...

that is not submitted to the reign of Christ – in business, politics, social life, the media, my family?

How can I bring authentic religion, not simplistic religiosity?



What will I do?

In what concrete and specific ways can I take responsibility for transforming the world as a steward of the kingship of Christ?

How, when, where will I do this?



Next Session

July 31, 6:30-8:30

A Summary and a Celebration





Thanks!

Go in peace.

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