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**PASTORAL MESSAGE: CHANGE HAS A PRICE**

May the God of peace be with you. The beginning of the celebration of Lent is getting close, a time of preparation and spiritual meditation. Does the Christian world takes time to remember the passion, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In addition, it is important to remember that every change has a cost and a price. Our Lord knew that the price to pay was very high and challenging, but someone had to provoke that change. Humanity needed that change, a change in the way of perceiving life, through the behavior and making decisions.

Today in the proximity of Lent people are invited to deal with reality, it is important to have a mentality focused on the price and not so much on the benefits (Maxwell, 2019). Dr. John C. Maxwell, in his most recent book *Changes in Leadership*, points out what is the leadership's approach to change. For this reason, Maxwell emphasizes it in a series of questions.

- What can I give and not what can I receive?
- How will this decision affect others and not how it will affect me?
- What should I give to stay in the game?

Jesus was a leader who thought and focused on the needs of others before thinking about his own needs. He paid a high price for the change; a change that transformed the lives of people he influenced with his actions full of love and compassion. His decision to pay the price helped to change history, but it also helped to change the mentality and focus of today's world and society. In this Lent people need to understand that to achieve significant change we have to pay the price of changing ourselves. The change does not lie in the question about how it benefits each one of us, but in what the people can contribute to achieve that change. Jesus gave his life, but what are you willing to sacrifice and change?

May the celebration of Lent help each one to understand that in order to change he or she must pay a price.

**May God bless you and may His grace fill your lives with peace and prosperity. Amen.**