

Lifespan Faith Development for Adults & Older Youth “at home” or “on-the-go”

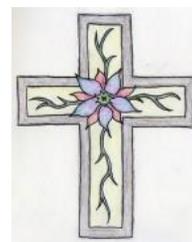
For April 16, 2017 –Easter Sunday - Theme of the Month: TRANSFORMATION

Curated by Mary B. Collins, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, curated from Soul Matters

YouTube

vimeo VIDEOS:

- **Today I Rise - Short Film (3:59 minutes)** *Inspiring the feminine voice, with beautiful images.*
"Where are you? Where are you, little girl with broken wings but full of hope? Where are you, wise women covered in wounds? ...Today is the day I will not sit still and not give in. Today I rise. I am bruised but I will walk again... I transform my anger to power... Today I rise..." <https://vimeo.com/122762336>
- **Reconsidering the Transformation of The Cross By Nadia Bolz Weber (8:49 minutes)** *A Christian re-thinking the meaning of the symbol*
"The cross is actually about God saying I would rather die than be in the sin accounting business anymore. On the cross, we don't see a legal transaction where Jesus pays our debt; on the cross we actually see God. The cross is God's self-revelation."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k60Ys9GXHSs&t=223s>



SONGS: (acoustic guitar)



- **Passion Play - William Fitzsimmons**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhhGqZEWoc>

"I just want to be not what I am today
I just want to be better than my friends might say
I just want a small part in your passion play
Do you hear when I call in the midst of wrong?
Do you hear these here words while I sing you this song?
Are you caught up in me like I heard you say?
Or just some big cashier that I'll have to pay..."

- **From The Water - William Fitzsimmons (2:36 minutes)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH1r7dV6JEk>

The transformation of being pulled from the water!

"I will pull you from water, Let your lungs return to air, Take you back unto the shore, And lead you home"

- **Stay Alive - José González (4:12 minutes)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NucJk8TxyRg&index=3&list=RDRknUh1LapJs>

"There is a truth and it's on our side, Dawn is coming, open your eyes. Look into the sun as a new days rise..."



Notes on Blindness – a film describing a spiritual transformation

In 1983, after decades of steady deterioration, writer and theologian John Hull became totally blind. To help him make sense of the upheaval in his life, he began documenting his experiences on audiocassette. The result is a poetic and intimate story of loss, rebirth and transformation.

Trailer: <https://www.theguardian.com/film/video/2016/jun/13/notes-on-blindness-trailer-video>

Review: <http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/films/reviews/view/28313/notes-on-blindness>

BOOK : [Hope For the Flowers](#) by Trina Paulus Its theme of life, moving through seeming death to a new and more beautiful life, has touched the hearts of millions of people.



QUOTES:



- "Spiritual transformation is a death as well as a birth. The teachers who help us to grow know that it can't happen without this pain. They don't save us from it—in fact, what they do usually intensifies it." - Rev Amy Zucker Morgenstern
- "You cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

~ C.S. Lewis