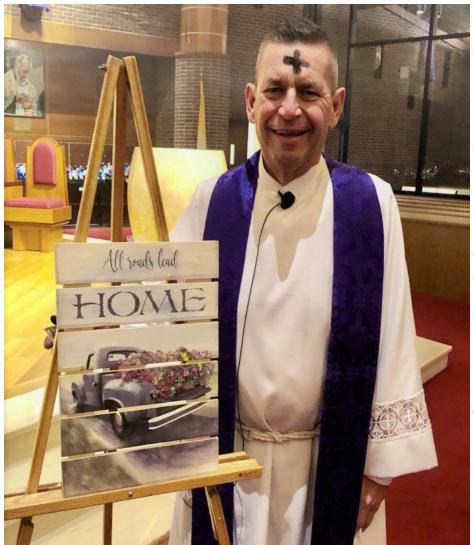
ALL ROADS LEAD HOME...

"Home is a safe haven. When we're away, it's that comfort zone. The place we find inner peace, a sanctuary in which everything is ok. I've been thinking a lot about home lately.

On Tuesday night, after my meetings, I ended up at a place having some southern fried chicken. I was the last person checking out. And I noticed this plaque. I like old pick-up



trucks – wish I had one. On the plaque with the old pick up truck it said, "All Roads Lead Home." A perfect thought to begin the Season of Lent.

Although none of us are in a hurry to get to our eternal home, that day will come for all of us. And here's the great news. Today and every day, we have a chance to prepare for our homecoming.

I often say while you and I don't know what our eternal home will be like, I know this: it's beyond our wildest dreams – better than any safe haven here on this earth. And now is a wonderful time to remind ourselves that Jesus came with love, mercy and compassion in his heart when He was born here on this earth. He lived that

way. He died that way.

On our journey during the next 40 days, you and I can do one thing each day to be a little closer to Him. By living His example. Take an opportunity to be a little stronger in prayer life, work on being a little more charitable, to offer a little more love. Just try to work on it each day. Because "All Roads Lead Home" really means "All Roads lead to God." As long as our eyes are fixed on Jesus Christ, as long as you do the best we can in making a difference in ourselves for the benefit of others, we will look to the day when we are in the place beyond our wildest dreams, with Jesus Christ, our Lord, in our Eternal Home."

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