



## The Testimony of Liliias (Lily) Trotter

(Reformation Sunday)

Matthew 16:24-28 | 1 Corinthians 15:58

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### Introduction

On Reformation Sunday we celebrate the church's testimony and reflect on a key theme: *Steadfastness*

### The Message

- 1) What is Reformation Sunday?
  - a) *Semper Reformada* – “always reforming” – Reformation Sunday celebrates the never-ending faithfulness of God, who cares for His church!
  - b) The necessary, beautiful blessing of woman reformers.
- 2) The Testimony of Lily Trotter
- 3) 3 Lessons from the Life of Lily Trotter (Matthew 16:24-28, 1 Corinthians 15:58)
  1. *The call to follow Jesus is radical and self-denying.*
  2. *Christians should use their gifts and talents creatively for the glory of God and advancement of His Kingdom.*
  3. *A beautiful Christian life is often one of simple faithfulness and steadfastness.*

### Response

“Turn full your soul's vision to Jesus, and look at Him, and a strange dimness will come over all that is apart from Him, and the Divine "attract" [appeal] by which God's saints are made, even in this 20th century, will lay hold of you. For ‘He is worthy’ to have all there is to be had in the heart that He has died to win.” –Liliias Trotter

**Sunday Text Questions for Matthew 16:24-28 | 1 Corinthians 15:58**

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- 1) Starter Question: Tell a story of someone who lived a long and faithful life in ministry to God.
  
- 2) What stood out to you the most about the life and ministry of Lilius Trotter?
  
- 3) Read Matthew 16:24-28 together. What Gospel truth is Jesus teaching through these words?
  
- 4) Has Matthew 16:24-28 ever challenged you in your life? Are there things (functional idols) that God has asked (is asking) you to give up for the sake of your soul?
  
- 5) How does Matthew 16:27 challenge our American view of success?
  
- 6) What gifts, talents, and passions do you have that can be creatively used for ministry and love of neighbor?
  
- 7) What gifts, talents, and passions do you have that can be creatively used for witness and evangelism of neighbor?
  
- 8) Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. What does biblical steadfastness look like in your life? How is God calling you to be faithful in your vocation, family, and mission?

**Further study this week:** Colossians 1:1-14 (Mon); Colossians 1:15 - 2:5 (Tues); Colossians 2:6-23 (Wed); Colossians 3 (Thurs); Colossians 4 (Fri).