

Daily Devotions

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Day 1: Isaiah 43:1-7 By using the verbs “create” and “formed,” the prophet Isaiah is recalling the creation story and referencing the One who has been there from the very beginning. God is redeeming the people that God created. God is calling them by name.

Day 2: Isaiah 43:1-7: In verse 3, three different names are used to refer to God. Each of these names evoke different images of God. The title Yahweh or the Lord your God is reminiscent of the Exodus, Moses and the burning bush and the Ten Commandments. The title “Savior” indicates God’s redeeming relationship with His people. Which names do you use to refer to God? What meaning do these particular names have in history proper and for you in particular?

Day 3: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 In the Gospel of Luke particularly, the focus is on the Holy Spirit in Jesus baptism. In the other Gospels, John the Baptist plays more of a role than in Luke’s Gospel. How is the Holy Spirit a central part of Baptism today?

Day 4: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 “You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” God’s voice spoke these words to Jesus in front of all those gathered at his baptism. These are words that were spoken over us by a pastor at our baptism. What do these words mean? How do these words follow us in our lives?

Day 5: Acts 8:14-17 What is the meaning of the verses: 15 “The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).”?

Day 6: Acts 8:1-17 The Holy Spirit is central in the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. How is the Holy Spirit a part of our lives? How do we live our lives in the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Day 7: Psalm 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.” What does it mean to “ascribe to the Lord?” What do we ascribe to the Lord?