

**Water for the Way**  
**March 17-23, 2025/ Days 11-16**  
**St. John's UMC / Texas City**

**Monday, March 17**

The Presence of God

Read John 3:1-17

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 11 (pp. 40-42) Nicodemus was deeply religious and a defender of the marginalized. People's champions often burn themselves out. They need a drink of living water. Jesus offered Nicodemus living water on that night. Jesus offered truth, grace, love and freedom. How do we get burned out helping others? What is Jesus' good word for people's champions and for us?

**Tuesday, March 18**

Suddenly There Appeared

Read Matthew 17:1-9

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 12 (pp. 43-45) In moments of deep grief after losing a loved one, we can question issues like death, eternity, and life in Christ. One of our questions might be "Will our loved ones know us in the afterlife?" Collectively, these disciples recognized the presence of Elijah and Moses. More importantly, the implication of this text is that we will know Christ even as we are known to Christ. He will always be with us. What does eternal life mean to you?

**Wednesday, March 19**

What Shall I Do with This People?

Read Exodus 17:1-7

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 13 (pp. 46-48) The Israelites were thirsty and demanded water where there was no water. They saw themselves as both victims and God's people, so they quarreled with Moses. They did not trust the faithfulness of God. When they got manna, they thought they were entitled to meat. How does complaining make our journey longer?

**Thursday, March 20**

Do Not Harden Your Hearts

Read Psalm 95

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 14 (pp. 49-51) You cannot build a strong, loving relationship on doubt and distrust. The Israelites hardened their hearts and spent 40 years in the wilderness as a consequence. In contrast, belief made Abraham a friend of God. God desires a deep and loving relationship with us. What is the foundation of your relationship with God?

**Friday, March 21**

Poured into Our Hearts

Read Romans 5:1-11

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 15 (pp. 52-54) In this world you will have suffering. As we endure, our faith is strengthened and our character is evident. Christ is in us providing what we need to endure. Christ is our hope. When you find yourself being tempted to give up, hold on. Something glorious is taking place. How is Christ being formed in you?

**Saturday, March 22**

God Proves His Love for Us

Read Romans 5:1-11

From [Water for the Way](#): Day 16 (pp. 55-57) If you are a parent, you probably have loved your children through a variety of illnesses and poor choices. You have not loved your child any less even though they were "messy." We are loved by God even though we are stained by sin. God sees the image of God's self within us. How do you understand the statement, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"?

**Sunday, March 23**

Share Things in Common

Read John 4:1-42

From [Water for the Way](#): Third Sunday in Lent (pp. 58-61)

During Lent, Sundays are not counted as one of the 40 days. Sundays are days for worship and celebrating God's presence in our lives. The Jewish Jesus sees the worth of the Samaritan woman at the well. He affirms her intrinsic worth and offers her the living water of a relationship with him. Our world needs people to be restored to their self-worth and personal value. How are we blinded from seeing the image of God in others? How can we be instrumental in freeing the image of God in others?

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