

***Devotional Guide for the 40 Days of Lent, 2018***  
Developed for Evergreen Christian Church, Evergreen,  
Colorado



***HOW DEEP IS MY WELL?***

# How Deep Is My Well? - Reflections

*First Full Week of Lent: Monday through Saturday of Lent (2/19/18 – 2/24/18)*

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Feb. 19, 2018</b> Psalm 42:1-2 Hosea 6:3 Song of Solomon 3:1-4a</p>	<p>In what ways am I able to know God? How do I believe God reveals God's-self to me, and to humanity? How do I find answers to my questions about God?</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Feb. 20, 2018</b> No scriptural references – that would be circular logic!</p>	<p>What is my understanding of the history and purposes of the writings that make up the canonized Bible?</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Feb. 21, 2018</b> Ecclesiastes 1:1-15</p>	<p>What do I believe is the reason or purpose for human existence?</p>	

<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>Feb. 22, 2018</b> Job 3:1-26 &amp; 10:1-22</p>	<p>How do I understand God's relationship with humanity?</p>	
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>Feb. 23, 2018</b> No mention of Trinity in scriptures Nicene Creed (see Chalice Hymnal 358) Apostolic Creed (see Chalice Hymnal 359)</p>	<p>What is my understanding of the nature of God? What does the traditional Christian doctrine of God as Trinity mean in my personal faith life?</p>	
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>Feb. 24, 2018</b> Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Nicene &amp; Apostolic Creeds</p>	<p>What is my understanding of the "Jesus" story? Who do I say Jesus was/is?</p>	

# Scriptures for Contemplation

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<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Feb. 19, 2018</b></p>	<p>Psalm 42:1-2 New International Version (NIV)  <sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water,  so my soul pants for you, my God.  <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  When can I go and meet with God?</p>	<p>Hosea 6:3 New International Version (NIV)  <sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord;  let us press on to acknowledge him.  As surely as the sun rises,  he will appear;  he will come to us like the winter rains,  like the spring rains that water the earth.”</p>	<p>Song of Solomon 3:1-4 New International Version (NIV)  <sup>3</sup> All night long on my bed  I looked for the one my heart loves;  I looked for him but did not find him.  <sup>2</sup> I will get up now and go about the city,  through its streets and squares;  I will search for the one my heart loves.  So I looked for him but did not find him.  <sup>3</sup> The watchmen found me  as they made their rounds in the city.  “Have you seen the one my heart loves?”  <sup>4</sup> Scarcely had I passed them  when I found the one my heart loves.  I held him and would not let him go...</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Feb. 20, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>No scriptural references – that would be circular logic!</b></p>		
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Feb. 21, 2018</b></p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:1-15 New International Version (NIV)  Everything Is Meaningless  <sup>1</sup> The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:  <sup>2</sup> “Meaningless! Meaningless!”  says the Teacher.  “Utterly meaningless!  Everything is meaningless.”  <sup>3</sup> What do people gain from all their labors  at which they toil under the sun?  <sup>4</sup> Generations come and generations go,  but the earth remains forever.  <sup>5</sup> The sun rises and the sun sets,  and hurries back to where it rises.  <sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  and turns to the north;  round and round it goes,  ever returning on its course.  <sup>7</sup> All streams flow into the sea,  yet the sea is never full.  To the place the streams come from,  there they return again.  <sup>8</sup> All things are wearisome,  more than one can say.  The eye never has enough of seeing,  nor the ear its fill of hearing.</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:1-15 New International Version (NIV)  Everything Is Meaningless  <sup>9</sup> What has been will be again,  what has been done will be done again;  there is nothing new under the sun.  <sup>10</sup> Is there anything of which one can say,  “Look! This is something new”?  It was here already, long ago;  it was here before our time.  <sup>11</sup> No one remembers the former generations,  and even those yet to come  will not be remembered  by those who follow them.  Wisdom Is Meaningless  <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I  applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all  that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden  God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the things  that are done under the sun; all of them are  meaningless, a chasing after the wind.  <sup>15</sup> What is crooked cannot be straightened;  what is lacking cannot be counted.</p>	

<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>Feb. 22, 2018</b></p>	<p>Job 3 New International Version (NIV) Job Speaks</p> <p><b>3</b> After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <b>2</b> He said: <b>3</b> “May the day of my birth perish, and the night that said, ‘A boy is conceived!’</p> <p><b>4</b> That day—may it turn to darkness; may God above not care about it; may no light shine on it.</p> <p><b>5</b> May gloom and utter darkness claim it once more; may a cloud settle over it; may blackness overwhelm it. <b>6</b> That night—may thick darkness seize it; may it not be included among the days of the year nor be entered in any of the months.</p> <p><b>7</b> May that night be barren; may no shout of joy be heard in it. <b>8</b> May those who curse days curse that day, those who are ready to rouse Leviathan.</p> <p><b>9</b> May its morning stars become dark; may it wait for daylight in vain and not see the first rays of dawn, <b>10</b> for it did not shut the doors of the womb on me to hide trouble from my eyes. <b>11</b> “Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?</p> <p><b>12</b> Why were there knees to receive me and breasts that I might be nursed? <b>13</b> For now I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest <b>14</b> with kings and rulers of the earth, who built for themselves places now lying in ruins, <b>15</b> with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver.</p> <p><b>16</b> Or why was I not hidden away in the ground like a stillborn child, like an infant who never saw the light of day? <b>17</b> There the wicked cease from turmoil, and there the weary are at rest. <b>18</b> Captives also enjoy their ease; they no longer hear the slave driver’s shout.</p> <p><b>19</b> The small and the great are there, and the slaves are freed from their owners. <b>20</b> “Why is light given to those in misery, and life to the bitter of soul, <b>21</b> to those who long for death that does not come, who search for it more than for hidden treasure, <b>22</b> who are filled with gladness and rejoice when they reach the grave?</p> <p><b>23</b> Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? <b>24</b> For sighing has become my daily food; my groans pour out like water.</p> <p><b>25</b> What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.</p> <p><b>26</b> I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil.”</p>	<p>Job 10 New International Version (NIV)</p> <p><b>10</b> “I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul. <b>2</b> I say to God: Do not declare me guilty, but tell me what charges you have against me.</p> <p><b>3</b> Does it please you to oppress me, to spurn the work of your hands, while you smile on the plans of the wicked? <b>4</b> Do you have eyes of flesh? Do you see as a mortal sees? <b>5</b> Are your days like those of a mortal or your years like those of a strong man, <b>6</b> that you must search out my faults and probe after my sin— <b>7</b> though you know that I am not guilty and that no one can rescue me from your hand?</p> <p><b>8</b> “Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? <b>9</b> Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?</p> <p><b>10</b> Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, <b>11</b> clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? <b>12</b> You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.</p> <p><b>13</b> “But this is what you concealed in your heart, and I know that this was in your mind: <b>14</b> If I sinned, you would be watching me and would not let my offense go unpunished. <b>15</b> If I am guilty—woe to me! Even if I am innocent, I cannot lift my head, for I am full of shame and drowned in my affliction.</p> <p><b>16</b> If I hold my head high, you stalk me like a lion and again display your awesome power against me. <b>17</b> You bring new witnesses against me and increase your anger toward me; your forces come against me wave upon wave.</p> <p><b>18</b> “Why then did you bring me out of the womb? I wish I had died before any eye saw me. <b>19</b> If only I had never come into being, or had been carried straight from the womb to the grave! <b>20</b> Are not my few days almost over? Turn away from me so I can have a moment’s joy <b>21</b> before I go to the place of no return, to the land of gloom and utter darkness, <b>22</b> to the land of deepest night, of utter darkness and disorder, where even the light is like darkness.”</p>	
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