

08-11-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We have come to realize the values of the world do not satisfy our spiritual needs. Out of our personal wilderness need we pray for and receive God’s gracious guidance, protection, sustenance, and deliverance. Our ever-faithful God provides all we need for daily life, bread for the journey, the ‘Bread of Heaven,’ Jesus Christ.”

- *David J. Meissner*



John 6:35, 41-51

Questions for Reflection —

- In what ways have you been challenged by the teachings of Jesus? How does God challenge the status quo in your life of faith? How have you known yourself to be drawn into seeking deeper relationship with God and growing further in your discipleship? What keeps you in touch with the holy within and around you? How do you keep yourself open to experiencing the deep mysteries of faith?

- How do skepticism or doubts limit your ability to see God at work in your life and in the lives of those around you? Through what unlikely persons or in what unexpected circumstances have you found yourself encountering God? In what ways have preconceived notions prevented your noticing the surprising ways God is present in daily life? What will help you be more attentive to new discoveries about how God is working in our world?

- When have you known wilderness times in your life? What external circumstances of life tend to challenge or interfere with your ability to praise God? What does it look like for you to praise God at all times, including the wilderness times? What would enable you to do so? What does it mean for you to allow your heart, mind, and soul to be fed with the Bread of Life through both good and bad times?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, we come to this sanctuary to offer our worship, renew our vows, receive your grace and adore your love. Help us to feed our hearts, minds, and souls with the Bread of Life. Feed us even in the depths of grief, sin, and despair. Strengthen us by your steadfast love and grace. Help us to praise you at all times. We may grow up in Christ that we will become faithful bearers of hope and love for the world around us. Through Christ Jesus. Amen.