

Walking with Jesus this week

MONDAY 7/8/19

Read Genesis 12:1. Sit down for coffee at your favorite place. Think back. Remember. When has God moved you from one place to another? It could be a geographic location. A mental state. An emotional place. A relationship. A job. A role.

TUESDAY 7/9/19

Read Exodus 13:18. Sit at a table with paper and crayon. Reach into your mind and map out the various roads that led you to where you are now. How many of them wind around? How many intersect? How many had surprises? Imagine the surprises that are before you now.

WEDNESDAY 7/10/19

Read Mark 10:32. Take a walk along a lake or through a park. Imagine Jesus along side you. What questions would you ask? What confusion would you like him to address? What does not make sense to you? As you walk, speak it aloud with your voice or in your mind. Put it out there. It's ok to be confused.

THURSDAY 7/11/19

Read Exodus 3:5. Walk through some grass with bare feet. Let your skin contact the ground. Rub it in. Remember when you ran and played in bare feet as a child. Think over how connecting with nature connects us with God.

FRIDAY 7/12/19

Read Psalm 27:5-6. Lay on your back at night. Look at the stars, the moon, the dark sky. With the moon in your eyes, imagine yourself in the wild on a camp out. God, too, has pitched a tent. You're invited in. What do you hear God say?

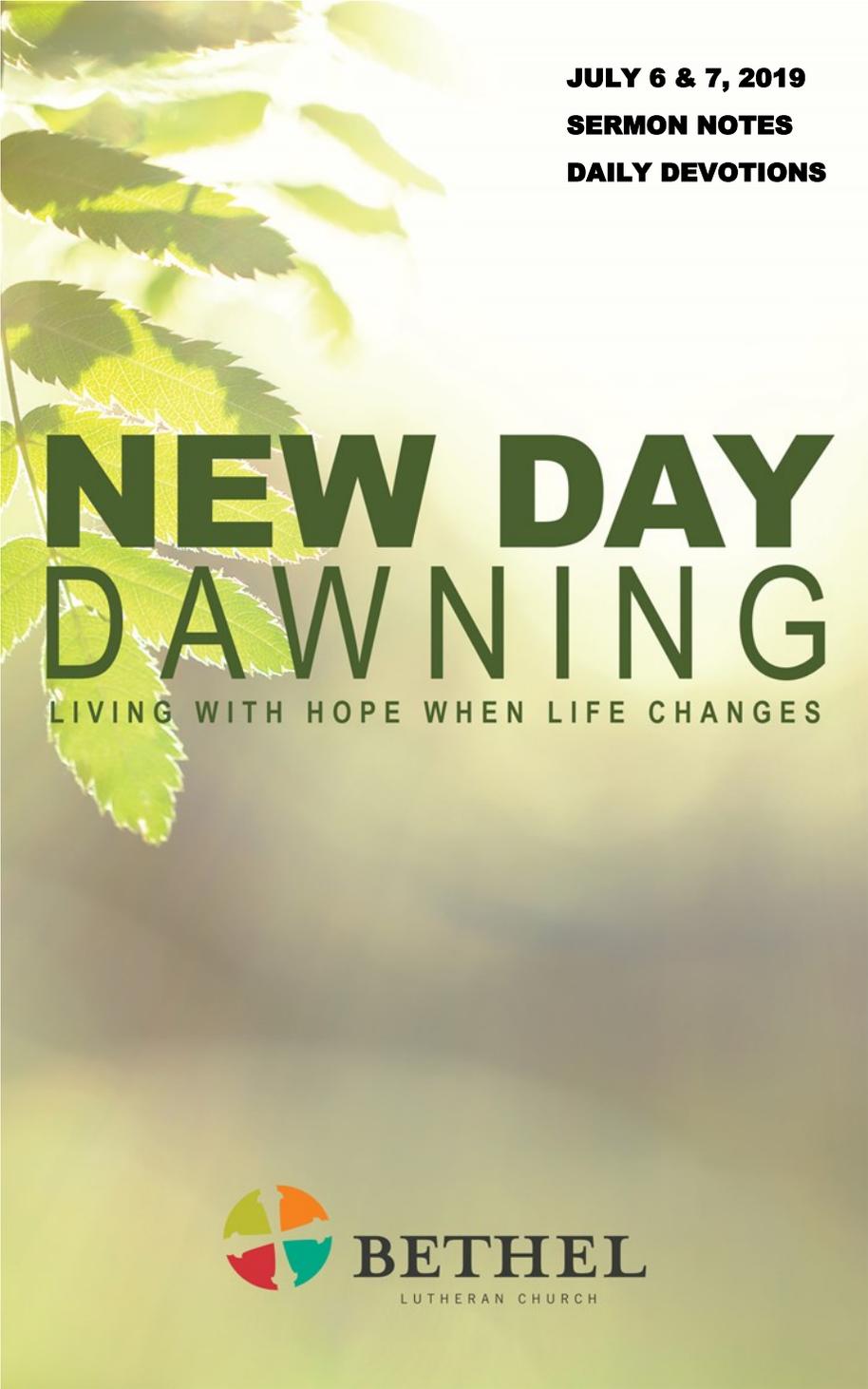
SATURDAY 7/13/19

Read Deuteronomy 26:5. There is a saying that "not all who wander are lost." People of the Bible remember that they come from a tribe of wanderers. For those areas of your life that are not settled, remind yourself that it's ok to wander.

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SERMON NOTES

DAILY DEVOTIONS



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Pt. 4 When You're In the Middle of Nowhere

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1) _____

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.’”
—Genesis 12:1 (NRSV)

“So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.”
--Exodus 13:18 (NRSV)

“Human life is a struggle, isn’t it? ... I’m given a life that meanders and goes nowhere— months of aimlessness, nights of misery!”
— Job 7:1-2 (The Message)

2) _____

“And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts;”
—Mark 1:12-13 (NRSV)

“The disciples were confused as Jesus led them toward Jerusalem,”
—Mark 10:32 (Contemporary English Version)

“we live in the midst of frailties and uncertainties.”
—1 Corinthians 4:9-10 (The Message)

3) _____

“Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’”
--Exodus 3:5 (NRSV)

Hebrew **midbar** means desert-wilderness, comes from Hebrew **dahbaar** meaning to speak.

“For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;”
—Psalm 27:5-6 (NRSV)

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June 16: Why You Can Hope for Better
June 23: The Three Steps Forward
June 30: Learning to Let Go
July 7: When You're in the Middle of Nowhere
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