

## Worship Engagement and Devotion for week of May 16, 2021

READ 1 John 5:9-13

Reflections - Life that Looks Like Jesus - 1 John Series – *My Story, My Song*



### Reflections – Life that Looks Like Jesus



The season after Easter Sunday is often referred to as "The Great 50 Days" because Easter is a 50-day season of the Church year. These are fifty days for the church to practice living resurrection. During this season at Faith United we are turning our attention to a series titled: Reflections - Life that Looks Like Jesus.

In this series we will explore what it means for those who follow Christ, to live a life that looks like Christ.

Spend some time reflecting on this week's scriptures and engaging in the reflection questions. Record your thoughts in a journal and refer back to them as you journey through 1 John.

### Questions for Reflection:

- What comes to mind when you hear the word testimony? Why do you think John used the word testimony so many times in this passage? In what ways is Jesus' life a testimony to who he is? How does God testify about Jesus?
- Reflect on different ways to show love and the ways that you love people in your life. Are there other ways you are called to love? Is there someone you need to share God's love with? Challenge yourself to love in different situations.
- In what ways do you sing Jesus? In what ways does Jesus inspire you to love one another, to lay down life for one another, to share with those in need, to walk in the manner Jesus walked?
- What inspires you to continue to grow in faith and live as a reflection of Jesus?
- How are you carrying the five Christian practices explored during the January The Walk series into the Easter season?

### Spiritual Practice: Writing your Elevator Speech Faith Story

An elevator speech is simply a talk that you could share in the length of time you might be in an elevator. Because sharing our faith with others can seem like a challenge for many of us, it is helpful to prepare by writing your thoughts. Write down your responses to the following questions to help you prepare for writing your elevator speech, or brief summary, of the Christian faith.

- Begin with prayer.
- How would you summarize the Christian faith in seven words or less?
- How did you first learn about God? Why did that make a difference in your life?
- What do you believe about God and Jesus Christ? What are three or four beliefs that are most important to you?
- How does faith in Christ make a difference in your life?
- Why are you a Christian?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- How does being connected to a church community make a difference in your life?



Use your responses to help you organize your faith story. Practice telling your faith story by sharing with a close friend or family member, pastor, or church staff or leader. Look for opportunities during your week to share your faith story with someone who may be blessed by your encouraging words.

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