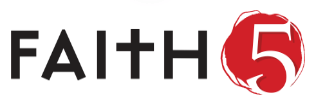
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**Share**

highs and lows



**Read**

a Bible verse

or story

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**Talk**

about how the

Bible reading

might relate to

your highs

and lows



**Pray**

for one another’s

highs and lows



**Bless**

one another

PENTECOST SEASON 2024, Part 2



**“Call Stories from the Bible: Encouragement to Answer God’s Call”**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The long season of Pentecost continues and having completed a look at The Christian Life as a call to “Sit, Walk, and Stand” let’s turn now to some Biblical call stories to find encouragement as we answer God’s call to the Christian life.

The idea that every Christian receives a call from God was a key doctrine of the Reformation. In fact, the wisdom of that doctrine can be summarized in one sentence, attributed to Luther himself:

**“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.”**

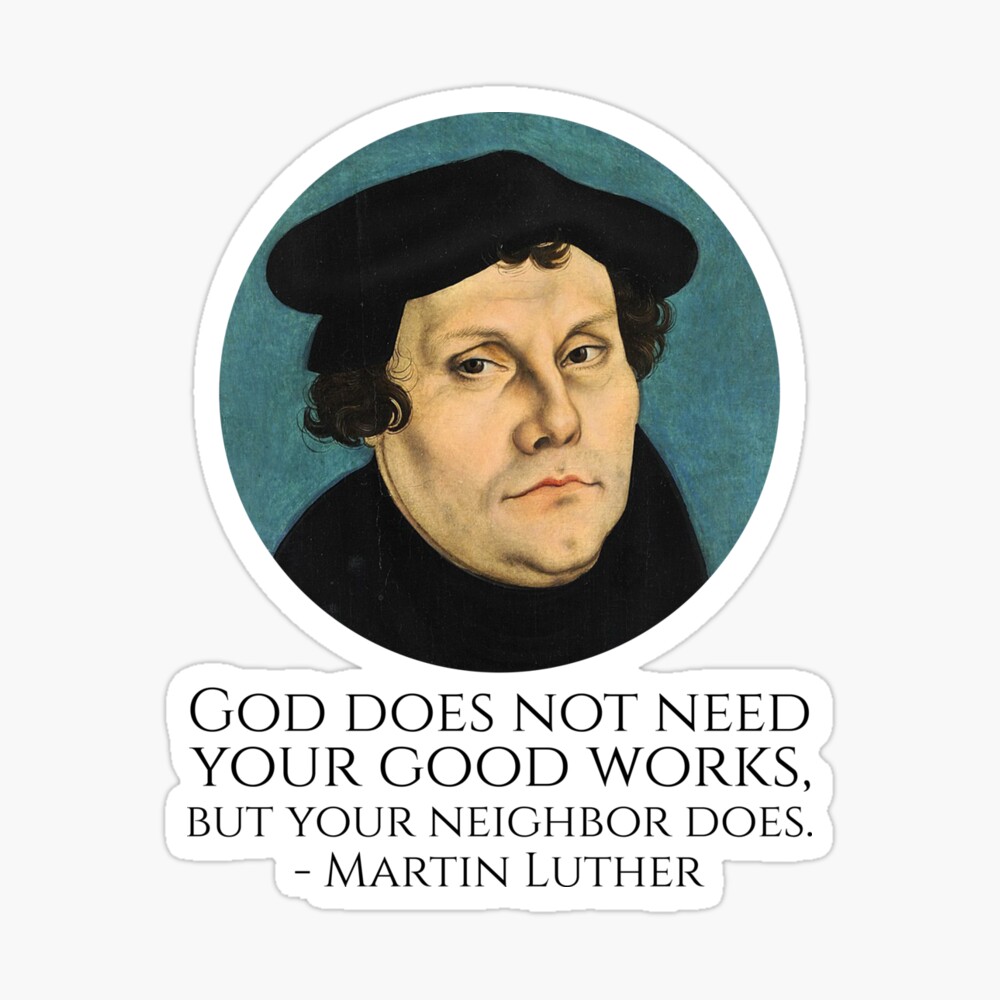
One scholar writes: *“The first half of that statement is justification by faith. God doesn’t need our works to satisfy his justice or earn his favor. He justifies us apart from those things through Christ. … The second half of that statement is the priesthood of all believers. Since we are no longer focused on doing good works to try to earn justification or quench God’s wrath, we are now set free to serve our neighbors in love through our daily vocations.”*

Here in the middle of Pentecost, let’s explore the call stories of a variety of Old and New Testament people. What do their stories say to us? How do they help us discern and answer God’s call? The quote in the box above is from Isaiah the prophet’s call story. It is familiar to us mostly because of the hymn “Here I am Lord!” God wants and needs us to be available and to gladly answer His call.

***What will that look like??***

From July 7 through August 24, we’ll read Biblical call stories which will help us understand God’s call not only in the lives of Bible characters but also in our own lives. We’ll start with some valuable lessons call stories teach; followed by three weeks of Old Testament call stories and three weeks of New Testament ones.

The devos will still include Sunday gospel readings on Saturdays. These Devotions can be found at church starting July 7 and on our website. They are for adults, youth, children & families alike.



***The DEVOS are on the other side! >>>***

I will continue to post daily verses & a short comment about each on **the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page** *(*[*facebook.com/christlutheranchurchdubois*](about:blank)*).* Or you can **join our e-mail group** and receive the same daily verses and short comment. Simply send a request message to Pastor Amy at pastorsmiller12@gmail.com.

May your devotions be fruitful, and your days blessed. Peace+, Pastor Amy