

HOPE IS COMING

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL DAY 1

Day 1: Adam & Eve

READ: Genesis 2:4-9,15-17, 21-25, 3:1-7

THINK:

What would it be like if you had never felt sad or lonely or sick or afraid?
What lies do you believe about God when you sin? How has temporary pleasure left you disappointed in the end?

HOPE:

God created Adam and Eve and loved them too much to let their sins be the end of the story. God had a plan that one day He would make the world perfect again and rescue His children from the pain they had caused themselves. Many years later, although it would cause Him much suffering, God sent Jesus to rescue you from your sin to bring you back into His family. If you accept His forever love, He promises to one day wipe away every tear from your eyes and you will no longer have to wonder what it would be like to live in paradise with Him.

PRAY:

God, thank you for sending Jesus to rescue me so that my mistakes are no longer counted against me. Thank you that the lie that Adam and Eve believed is not the end for me or for this world. Help me to believe that you aren't withholding good from me when you ask me to obey. Amen!

APPLY:

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THINK:

What wickedness do you see in the world and in yourself on a daily basis?
What made Noah stand out to God? What would it look like for you to “walk in close fellowship with God” the way Noah did?

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Even though Noah was saved from the flood because of his righteousness, he was quick to falter after they reached dry land. As much as we wish we could be righteous, the Bible says that “no one is righteous—not even one.”
—Romans 3:10 (NLT) The Good News of Jesus is that “God made Him who had no sin, to be sin for us (on the cross) so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV) What a relief!

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Have you ever wanted to be famous? What do you think causes that desire? How has pride caused a big mess in your life the way it did in this biblical account?

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This story of Babel, in the first book of the Bible, was about people wanting to be worshipped. Therefore, God confused their language. However, in the last book of the Bible, God will unite each of those languages to praise **HIS NAME**: "I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, 'Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!'" (Revelation 7:9-10) (NLT)

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