

Next Steps

“Next Steps” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week, and linked to Sunday's message.

Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church and the world.

September 27, 2020 | “How Sweet the Sound: It Is Well”

- Read through or listen to the hymn “It Is Well With My Soul.” Is this the song of your heart and life today? Is it well with your soul?
- “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”--Psalm 34:18 When have you experienced the closeness of God? How did it help you be at peace?
- Focusing on both **self** and **situation** can keep us from **seeing** God (see Matthew 14:22-33). In what ways might you need to shift your focus this week? What is one thing you can do to make this change of vision happen?
- If it is not well with your soul, consider some of the following steps:
 - **Acknowledge** the pain and problems you are experiencing. Offer to God the burdens you are carrying.
 - **Ask** God to help you see that He is near. Pray: Open my eyes, Lord, so that I may see you at work in my life. (Read the story of Elijah in 2 Kings 6:8-23)
 - **Accept** the grace God offers and allow God's love to heal you and restore you. (Read Romans 8:31-39)
 - **Assist** someone else in their pain and problems. When have you experienced being the hands and feet of Jesus? In what

ways did this help you see Jesus more clearly in your own life?