

## Pre-Sermon Devotional Back to the Basics

This week we will focus on the basics of our Christian faith.

### Monday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [Romans 6:23](#) and [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 1) What is the gift that we have been given?
- 2) What do we have to pay for this gift?
- 3) How have we been saved?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you give us the free gift of eternal life.

You give us this gift through belief in Jesus, not through our works. Help us to now serve you in response to this wonderful gift that you have given us. In Jesus' name, amen.



### Tuesday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [Romans 3:23](#) and [Proverbs 14:12](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 1) What are the wages of our sin?
- 2) What is the way that seems right to man?
- 3) Why does man choose the “wrong” path?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, because of our sin, we were born spiritually blind, dead and enemies of you. But through our baptism, you have restored us to yourself. I give thanks to you for rescuing me from my sin! In Jesus name, amen.

### Wednesday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [Jeremiah 31:3](#) and [Exodus 34:7](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 2) What do we learn about God's mercy in Jeremiah?
- 3) What do we learn about God's justice in Exodus?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you are a God of mercy and justice. You love us with unconditional love. You bring justice to those who turn from you, but you forgive those who repent and call upon your name. Help me to call upon you in all circumstances. In Jesus name, amen.

### Thursday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [John 1:1-2, 14](#), [Isaiah 53:6](#) and [John 19:30](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 1) What does today's verse from John 1 tell us about Jesus?
- 2) What does the Isaiah passage tell us about what Jesus did?
- 3) What was Jesus referring to when he said, “is finished”?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, when Jesus died on the cross, he paid for the sin of all mankind. This is the Gospel message you have given to me, help me to go out and share this message with my friends, neighbours and enemies. In Jesus name, amen.



### Friday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [Mark 4:35-41](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 1) What is the significance of Jesus calming the wind and the waves?
- 2) How is this important for us?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you came down in human form and dwelt among us. Only you can save us. Help us to constantly remember the precious sacrifice you made to rescue us from our sin. In Jesus name, amen.

### Saturday

**Pray:**

**Read:** [James 2:19](#) and [Ephesians 2:8](#)

**Think about the following:**

- 1) Why is “head knowledge” not enough?
- 2) Why is it important for us to believe with our heart?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I want to love you with all my heart, mind and strength. Sometimes, I simply “know” you in my head. Help me to give you everything I have so that I may faithfully serve you in this world. In Jesus' name, amen.