



APC Advent Devotional – December 9th, 2020

The Joy of God's Promises

Today's Scripture: Psalm 12 (NIV)

The season of Advent is a special time for our family. We introduced the season to our young sons using Advent calendars with special objects or candies to mark the days of Advent, counting down to Christ's birthday. We also did daily Advent devotionals as a family, part of preparing our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. It was a good time to pause from our daily routines, step back, and reflect on our relationship with God.

Psalm 126:5 says, "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy." The psalmist is celebrating God's restoration of His people after a long exile. The psalm reminds us that there will be times of sadness in our lives: illness, job loss or a pandemic that came out of nowhere and won't go away. Amidst all this we need to keep going forward, not looking back and keep sowing, even in sadness, knowing that we will reap in joy.

Even in seasons of difficulty God asks us to continue trusting him, continue doing what He desires. God will restore us in His time. God promised a Savior to the ancient Israelites, and Jesus Christ came to fulfill that need. God promises us Christ will return, and we trust and believe He will indeed return for us. God is good and keeps His promises. We look forward to the day when we can sing "Joy to the World" with our church family. Have a happy Advent and an amazing Christmas!