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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

## A Reflection: More than a Name

Greetings Friends:

Last week we celebrated Epiphany. In the New Testament, Epiphany is both about realizing that God has come into the world, as well as living differently because of it. All of the gospels seek to help the reader to live into a relationship with the active presence of God. Each gospel, however, seeks to reach a different group of people, choosing carefully those stories that they believe will have the greatest impact on the listener. In Matthew we hear about dreams and choices made by Jesus's family, as well as Jesus being the fulfillment of many prophecies. Mark's Gospel highlights that even the demonic spirits understand who Jesus is, but fail to live differently because of it. (The disciples seem particularly slow in ascertaining that reality.) In Luke's Gospel, we hear about healings, fellowship, and Jesus's commen-

tary on society. In John's, there is a mystical component that resonates with those on a similar journey.

Through all of these accounts, we are invited to know the reality that Jesus is the Son of God, and, in some ways even more importantly, to allow our lives to be transformed because of His coming. *There are many passages where simply to know about Him is not enough.* Rather it is the turning to Him, and then the following of the Spirit's leading that delineates those who are part of His family. It is my hope that during this period following Epiphany, you and I together to draw closer to Him.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Dan

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## Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank - 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcomed.

Food bank Meeting on Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Food Bank open following the meeting.

Friday: Bounty Food Bank: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

NOW committee meeting following Sunday worship

**Please keep our partner church in your thoughts and prayers. I asked if there were any ways we could help and this was his response:**

There are several ways you can meet the needs of these children.

We do have several challenges like fruits. Since we opened the school/orphanage, we have never feed these children with fruits. You can also buy shoes for the children. Every day they walk for 8 miles to fetch water at the nearest river bare footed. Since the river is used by human and animals , the water is normally contaminated. We wish to harvest water from the roof and if possible drill a water well although this is too expensive. The school/orphanage does not have any source of water. This is our greatest challenge.

Keep us in prayers. We believe with God all things are possible.

Blessings, Pastor Kuria.

**I spoke briefly with Spring about Pastor Kuria's letter, if any others are interested in reaching out please let me know. - Pastor Dan**

Please keep in your prayers...

Judy Egan

Mary Egeland

Danielle - and family

Liz Best

James & Jenifer Angus

Rev. Barbara Brown