

Weekly Word

Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

Marion Victory

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-40

What stood out to me in the scripture readings was the word **called**.

Here's a few meanings for the word called, (there's a lot!)

:to speak of or address by a specified name : give a name to

:to speak in a loud distinct voice so as to be heard at a distance

: to command or request to come or be present

: to summon to a particular activity, employment, or office

: to give the order for : bring into action

Isaiah 49:1 The LORD has **called** me from the womb. Verse 5; to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him so that Israel is gathered to Him. That sounds like ministry Called to reconciliation.

Paul tells us in I Corinthians that he was **called** to be an apostle, and that we are **called** to be Saints. We are **called** into the fellowship of His Son Called to relationship.

In the gospel reading the disciples were **called** to 'Come and see.'
Then Simon, is **called** by a new name! Called to renewal.

Deacon Bruce in breaking open the Word of God this week, reminded us that we are to be the 'salt of the earth' ... to bring flavour!

Too much salt makes food intolerable and can dry out! When it's just right, it preserves and enhances.

We're called to be light! Not a blinding light ... but, a guiding light.

In the words of Deacon Bruce; “We all have an expiration date But, no one has a best before date!”

Today is always ‘The day of salvation!’

Praise the LORD !