

# “An Inauguration to Remember ”

Mark 1.9-15

## A. The Lessons of Baptism

What Jesus hears from the Father:

*And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”* Mark 1.11

What the Father is communicating to us:

1. You are my SON/DAUGHTER .

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.* John 1.12

*“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”* 2 Corinthians 6.18

2. I LOVE YOU .

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5.8

3. You bring me JOY. I DELIGHT IN YOU.

*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.* Psalm 37.23 NLT

*The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”* Zephaniah 3.17

What do we hear from God about who we are?

## B. Lessons in the Wilderness

1. There will be CHALLENGES in life.

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* John 16.33

2. We can LEARN and GROW spiritually from them.

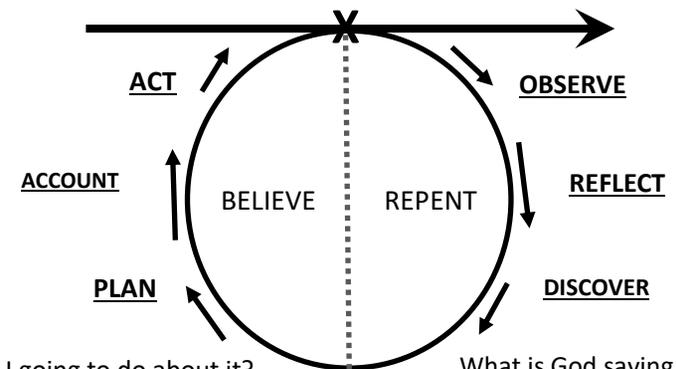
*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.* James 1.2-4

*...but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.* Romans 5.3

3. God will be WITH US through them.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Psalm 23.4



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