

FAITH, WORD AND SPIRIT (SERIES D)

40 reflections for Trinity 2020

WEEK 1: Divine discontent

- 1:1 Nostalgia
- 1:2 Something better
- 1:3 Found
- 1:4 Children of God
- 1:5 Unsatisfied longing
- 1:6 Contentment

WEEK 2: Forward momentum

- 2:1 Spirit of truth
- 2:2 Friends of the world?
- 2:3 Transformed
- 2:4 Stirring up
- 2:5 Fertility
- 2:6 Falling away

WEEK 3: Divine makeover

- 3:1 Sanctifying work
- 3:2 God's love
- 3:3 Peace in every way
- 3:4 Forbearance
- 3:5 Goodness
- 3:6 Pride and its opposite

WEEK 4: Reassurance

- 4:1 Guarantee
- 4:2 Life and death
- 4:3 Spirit and clay
- 4:4 Strengthened
- 4:5 The gift of faith
- 4:6 Hand of God

WEEK 5: The continuing battle

- 5:1 Holy through and through
- 5:2 Dead or alive?
- 5:3 Winning through
- 5:4 The living God
- 5:5 Sexual morality
- 5:6 Obedience

WEEK 6: Fellow-believers

- 6:1 The genuine article
- 6:2 Praying for others
- 6:3 Encouragement
- 6:4 Singing songs
- 6:5 Healing
- 6:6 Resistance to the Spirit

WEEK 7: Dependence

- 7:1 Sprinkling
- 7:2 Refreshing
- 7:3 Receptiveness
- 7:4 Asking for wisdom

The reflections are based on two (occasionally three) short passages from the Bible, one of which mentions the Holy Spirit directly, while the other doesn't but is similar in theme. Each reflection ends with a prayerful meditation.

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