



Wondering Creatively A Five-Minute Devotion

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

Virtually every one of us is creative as a child, but as we grow older we often lose a sense of that wonder and freedom that comes with creativity. We begin to judge our creative efforts, seeing them more as an artistic competition rather than a Divine Invitation to experience AND express the Holy in a new way. This devo is intended to spark creative thinking and help participants re-imagine the concept of their own creativity and listen for God's creative presence and vision for their lives.

BIBLICAL FOCUS

Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:19-29

MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible

DEVOTION PLAN

Read The Divine Invitation:

As children, we were inherently creative. Crayons, chalk, yarn, Legos, dolls, dress up clothes...virtually everything placed in front of us nourished and fed our creative nature. Everyone played in the sandbox, every child dug deep into the Play dough. But as we grow older, we start to divide people into two camps: Those who are creative...and the *rest* of us. It's easy to spot the Creatives. They're the artists, the musicians, writers, actors, sculptors, dancers, chefs. The Non-Creatives are everyone else – accountants, electricians, scientists, stay-at-home parents, auto mechanics, clerks, telemarketers, I.T. specialists, waiters, pilots, dentists...When does this magic division happen? At what age do we suddenly see “creativity” as a talent we either fully do or do NOT have?

Creativity is an experience – a life-long invitation to join hands with the Holy Spirit to experience the divine. When we open ourselves to our creativity, we open ourselves to our Creator.

Reflect: Think about your own creativity – what are your gifts? What do you do well? What do you love to do? What is your vocation? How can you use that creative wonder to serve God's world and the people around us?

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:19-29

Thought to Ponder: Creativity is part of our nature; we have been gifted with the ability to create, with the divine gift of imagination. When we use our imagination we put into play our experiences, personality, abilities and talents – all the divine ingredients that go into making each of us. ***Our creativity is a link to the living God; a Holy Invitation to experience the very presence of the Divine on this side of heaven.***

Closing Prayer: *Holy and Creative God, we thank you for the ways that you inspire, equip, and encourage us. Send your creative and redeeming Spirit to us to help us in our work, play, service, and relationships; help us to recognize the gift that creativity is and help us to recognize that we are, each in our own way, creative souls. Bless us in our time together and send us forth with renewed sense of creativity and wonder to do your work in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



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