

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [Third Sunday in Lent]



### **Exodus 17: 1-7**

[Exodus 17: 1-7 ESV - Water from the Rock - All the - Bible Gateway](#)

As I stated in the sermon two weeks ago, the Israelites failed to trust in the Lord's provision, and they put him to the test. "Is the Lord with us or not?" How dare the Israelites put the creator of the world to the test. It is a reminder for us that we can just as quickly forget what the Lord has promised to us, and how the Lord has fulfilled the promises given us. Remember what the Lord has promised He will do.

### **Romans 5: 1-8**

[Romans 5: 1-8 ESV - Peace with God Through Faith - Bible Gateway](#)

Christ died for the ungodly, so we were, apart from the faith, when we wonder in sin, we become ungodly. This is a reminder that none of us deserved for anyone to die for our sins, let alone the creator of the universe. However, this is what separates the reality of the Christian faith from all other religions, God Himself sent His Son to die for us all, that we may receive eternal life with Him. This is love personified, a love that He has for you, that you may receive the inheritance of eternal life, not earned, but given through His death.

### **John 4: 5-30, 39-42**

[John 4: 5-30, 39-42 ESV - So he came to a town of Samaria called - Bible Gateway](#)

At the heart of this text is the forgiveness of sins. Jesus tells Samaritan women that He knows that she has had 5 husbands and the one she has now is not her husband, in another words, He calls her to repentance and invites her to receive the forgiveness of sins. No one this side of eternity is too far gone. The sins against the Holy Spirit, the unforgiveable sin, is just a rejecting of the need to repent, anyone can repent at any time, this is why I say that as long as he/she has breath in their lungs there is hope.

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